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SPECTACLES Beer, beer everywhere

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Members of the community are concerned with the number of beer bottles strewn about campus after the weekend. See Letter to the Editor, page 10.

Chambliss wins ASA book award for research

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Sociology professor Daniel Chambliss is the recent recipient of the Eliot Freidson Prize, a prestigious award given by the American Sociology Association. The Prize is a book award, given every two years for exceptional work in the field of medical sociology. Chambliss received the prize for his book, *Beyond Caring: Hospitals, Nurses, and the Social Organization of Ethics* (University of Chicago Press, 1996).

The American Sociology Association (ASA) is an organization comprised of all working sociologists. Established in 1905, this non-profit organization works to promote sociology in both professional and scientific realms. The ASA is committed to aiding sociologists in their work, in addition to advancing the uses of sociology within society.

The Medical Sociology Section, from which the prize is awarded, is one of the largest divisions of the ASA with over 1,000 of the 15,000 active members. Professor Chambliss received the Prize in late August at the annual meeting in San Francisco.

Essentially, *Beyond Caring* explores the issue of how nurses deal with ethical problems. Chambliss spent nearly 12 years doing field research for the book, predominantly during the late 1980's to early 1990's. He spent countless hours behind the scenes at several hospitals, visiting different units, interviewing workers, observing surgery and meeting with nurses. In the end, he had visited four hospitals, a smattering of others in a lesser capacity, and was accepted as "part of the crowd" in all of them. Chambliss considers his ability to gain the acceptance of groups he studies an asset as a sociologist, and an invaluable advantage in his work at various hospitals.

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College, Upstate hit with devastating storm

by Brenna Chiaputti '02
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Upstate New Yorkers were awakened to their first taste of the all too characteristic and temperamental weather early Monday morning. The Labor Day celebration was met with pounding winds, fierce lightning and torrents of rain.

Restoration crews worked in an all out effort to recover from the devastation of the early morning storm. The cause of wreckage throughout the state was more of a small tornado than a storm. Leaving thousands of nearby residents without power, college campuses without dormitories, and many people injured, the aftershock will demand weeks of recovery .

Though remains of the storm were scattered in all areas of the Bronx, Albany, and Glen Clove, Syracuse may have suffered the bulk of the damage as this small tornado, or microburst, touched down and claimed two lives. Both Beryl Stone, 61, and John Perry, 43, were killed late Sunday night while camping at the New York State Fair Grounds in Syracuse. Stone's trailer was crushed by a fallen tree, and Perry's tent was struck by the roof of a nearby dairy building.

Though thirteen others were injured, officials said that if the storm had struck just three hours earlier, more casualties would have resulted. Syracuse University found itself with 140 homeless students after the storm severly damaged campus dormitories.

The damage to the Upstate area was such that the Niagara Mohawk Power Company had over 500 crews hard at work Tuesday trying to restore power to over 150,000 customers. Officials say full restoration could take up to a few weeks.

Though Utica area residents were also affected by the storm, there was minimal damage. Power outage was the primary cause of

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New Century Campaign on fast track to reach $83 million goal

by Caren Monaghan '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The New Century Campaign begins its year-long tour on September 9, bringing the message of the Campaign to alumni, parents and friends of the College in sixteen cities throughout the country.

Officially kicked off in September 1997 with $40 million, the Campaign is fast on its way to reaching its $83 million goal, having already raised $64 million according to Mike DeBraggio, Director of Communication and Development. Campaign organizers plan to reach that mark by June 30, 2001.

Detailed portfolios and a video tape have been created to provide information to prospective supporters on the goals and purpose of the campaign.

The four-year campaign is broken down into five priorities, comprising the greatest fund-raising effort the College has ever seen. The largest division of the campaign is is dedicated toward student support, with $31 million allotted for scholarships, student/faculty collaborations and other programs.

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Another $14 million is set for faculty support, $18 million for renovations to science facilities and $5 million to support the Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center.

All unrestricted gifts to the Annual Fund through June 30, 2001 will be used toward the Campaign, with a goal of $15 million.

As the new millennium approaches supporters of the Campaign recognize that the College is at the strongest point in its history, with record-setting numbers of applicants boasting better and better qualifications. They also acknowledge, however, that only significant monetary contributions will help to maintain the College's place among the the country's most prestigious liberal arts schools.

Currently, the College is ranked twelfth in average financial aid awarded to first-year students, behind colleges such as Colgate, Williams and Amherst. Hamilton is also ranked twelfth in average faculty salaries for full professors; these are statistics that supporters of the campaign hope will rise even higher.

"It is an extraordinary privilege for me to be part of the Hamilton family," said Jeff Little '71, chairperson of the Campaign. "To share with other alumni, parents and

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Students injured in weekend car accident

by Christopher Viapiano '02
COPY EDITOR

At approximately 2:00 Sunday morning, a car carrying five students returning to campus lost control, skidded, and ended up in a ditch on the side of Fountain Street in the Village of Clinton.

Kirkland Police arrived on the scene at approximately 2:40 a.m., after a resident of Fountain Street telephoned regarding an abandoned car.

Officers called to the scene found the car, a considerable amount of blood, and no bodies.

The police would later learn that all five sophomores, returning from an off-campus party at the Breakaway Lounge, received a ride back to campus after abandoning their car.

Three students would eventually require treatment at St. Luke's Hospital in Utica. All were treated - one for a broken shoulder, one for lacerations, and one for complaints of head injuries - and released.

The driver of the vehicle (name withheld) escaped with minor bumps and bruises. He was, however, issued four citations by the Kirkland Police: failure to stay right, speed not reasonable and prudent, reckless driving, and leaving the scene of an accident.

The Kirkland Police suspect that alcohol was involved in the incident. It is the opinion of Officer Knight, the Kirkland Police Officer investigating the accident, that the students are "lucky nobody was killed."

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Sociology professor honored for research done in medical field

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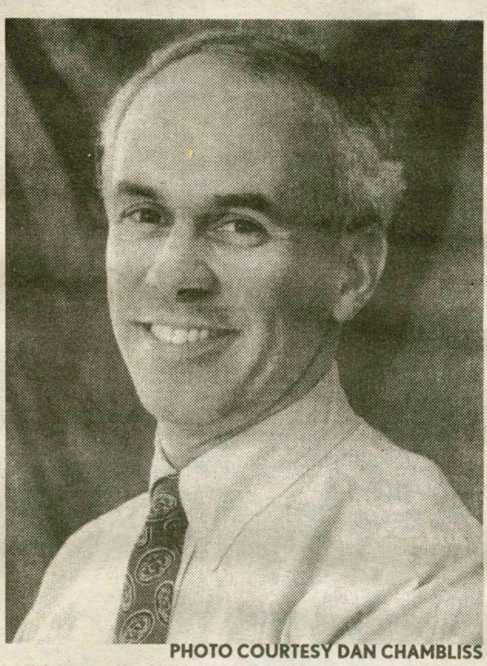

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Professor Dan Chambliss.

In his book, Chambliss investigates many topics, centered around two premises: that nurses can "get used to just about anything," and that people often normalize the way they feel about things. He stresses that nurses perform duties everyday that would pose certain questions of moral difficulty or uncertainty for most people.

Chambliss explains that "the book tries to understand when something becomes a moral problem." In addition, he tries to discern how nurses can live with doing things that may be interpreted as wrong, ie. harming patients or letting someone die.

Other issues surfaced during the course of Chambliss' research, including questions of gender inequity (96% of nurses are women), differences between "good" an "bad" doctors, and the discovery that some hospital employees thrive on the emotional intensity that their job brings, including why different people work in different sections of the hospital. Chambliss found that there is a "constant threat of boredom," even in such highly dramatized settings as the emergency room.

Despite the emotional drain that Professor Chambliss often endured, he found his field research to be a highly enriching experience. He speaks of the definitive differences between nurses and his usual peer group of academics, and how enjoyable it was to observe this alternative career. Chambliss found that, despite facing enormous issues everyday, nurses never engage in self-glorification, and were surprised to find that an "outsider" desired to write about them.

The book sold very well, achieving wide distribution. It is used in graduate and undergraduate classes such as Research Methods, Medical Sociology and Social Theory.

The book is used at a number of universities, including Yale, Rutgers, Emory, the University of North Carolina and the University of Texas.

Professor Chambliss has served as a faculty member at Hamilton since 1981, chairing the sociology department since 1993.

He is currently the Sidney Wertimer Professor of Sociology, a position he has held since July of 1997.

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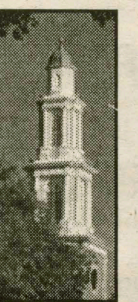


Homemade bombs explode in Duke dorm

U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — A female resident of Wannamaker 1 Dormitory was taken to the Emergency Department early yesterday morning after reportedly being injured in a blast from an explosive device placed near her dormitory room, said Maj. Robert Dean of the Duke University Police Department.

Dean described the incident as follows: The student was returning to her room between 1:00 a.m. and 2:23 a.m. when the device-described by police as a 32-ounce plastic Gatorade bottle containing aluminum and some liquid substance-exploded in the hallway outside her room, injuring her left leg and knee.

The victim, who lives in a first-floor triple, said there were two blasts on her floor. The first-which she said occurred at about 2 a.m.-was in the hallway outside another nearby room. Upon hearing the noise, the victim said she went to her blockmates' room to talk about the incident.

When the victim returned five minutes later, she said, the door to her room was half open, although she was not sure whether she had left it open originally. As she was writing a message for her roommates on her dry-erase board, the pressure of her writing started to open the door further.

At that time the second device exploded, she said, explaining that the bomb was probably near the door.

The victim's resident advisor called Campus Police, who arrived about 20 minutes later. "I was sitting there on the ground, thinking to myself, 'What the hell just happened?'" the victim said.

In an interview Tuesday afternoon, Dean said there was only one device on the first floor and another on the second floor that exploded slightly earlier.

At an emergency dorm meeting late Tuesday night, however, Det. Thessie Mitchell of Campus Police confirmed that there were two explosions on the first floor and that there might have been a third elsewhere in the dorm, although no material evidence was recovered from the possible third explosion.

On the first floor, students reported that the liquid substance inside the Gatorade bottle was giving off a gaseous smoke that smelled like sulfur, Dean said.

New UPMC X-ray may detect cancer

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH, Penn. — The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center is using a first-of-its-kind scanner researchers say may revolutionize X-ray imaging to evaluate patients with known cancer masses.

The scanner combines two types of X-rays in one picture. In the past the X-rays had to be scanned separately and then superimposed together.

Pitt researchers say the new scanner will greatly increase the likelihood of discovering diseases by integrating the two processes to show the presence of illness.

Until now, using X-rays to show exactly where diseases exist was difficult because of the problem of superimposing the separate Computer-assisted X-ray Tomography (CT) and Positron Emission Tomography (PET) images.

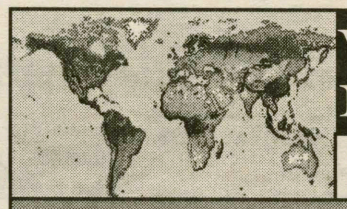
CT is a system of multiple X-ray data assembled by a computer. It provides more accurate images of internal anatomy than single-image X-rays. PET provides the detailed information on biochemical processes.

In the past, superimposing the two images proved difficult. Because organs could have shifted during the time between the two scans, the images were sometimes incompatible.

Several patients with pancreatic cancers are taking part in the pilot study designed to determine the effectiveness of the new scanner, according to Adam Slivka, M.D., Ph.D., of the Pitt Cancer Institute and co-director of UPMC's Center for Pancreatic Diseases.

"One of the major difficulties in helping patients with pancreatic cancers is that by the time they [show] symptoms of the disease, it has already progressed to the point where it is very difficult to treat and cure," Slivka said.

David W. Townsend, Ph.D., a senior PET physicist and associate professor in UPMC's department of radiology, said, "The trial of the first PET/CT scanner at UPMC is designed to validate this new technique through engineering, scientific and software refinements." Slivka said that although studies remain to be done to determine the diagnostic accuracy of the new scanner, early experience with the technology suggests it will assist in diagnosing and staging pancreatic cancer and may become a valuable screening tool.



WORLD NEWS

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Yeltsin picks compromise candidate

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's parliament prepared to resolve one crisis today by confirming a compromise candidate — Yevgeny Primakov — as prime minister, permitting the government to tackle its second crisis, the ruined economy.

Primakov, the long-time foreign minister, was expected to win swift and resounding approval today from the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, even though he has little economic experience.

"Common sense has prevailed in our state," said Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who spearheaded the opposition to the previous candidate for premier, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said that the U.S. government "knows and respects" Primakov. "We would expect to have a good and close working relationship."

Primakov, a former KGB spy chief respected across the political spectrum, will need to quickly assemble a Cabinet to deal with the most severe economic crisis since the Soviet collapse. The ruble has plummeted, industrial production is stagnant and the government is broke.

Despite such deep economic problems, Primakov's nomination raised hopes on Russia's battered markets. The price of the ruble lifted to 12.87 to the dollar — up from 16.99 last Friday — and the stock market climbed nearly 5 percent.

Primakov, 68, is supported by all but one of parliament's factions. He is seen as a technocrat, non-ideological and loyal to Yeltsin.

The low-key, publicity shy foreign minister appears more comfortable handling discrete diplomatic negotiations than enduring the glare of publicity that his new job will bring.

Primakov is expected to support economic reforms, but he has not made any public comments about what sort of program he envisions.

As foreign minister, Primakov won praise at home for his efforts to restore some of Russia's diminished international clout and create a "multipolar" world designed to counterbalance U.S. dominance.

United Nations launches new session

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly elected Uruguay's foreign minister as president of its 53rd session, which opened Wednesday with calls for consensus on issues such as disarmament, terrorism, human rights and reform.

Didier Opertti, who replaces Hennadiy Udovenko of Ukraine, urged the 185 U.N. member states to adopt a "spirit of tolerance," as they begin their work for the next year.

The main challenges before the United Nations today, he said, include the Asian financial crisis, terrorism, nuclear proliferation, human rights abuses, drug trafficking and U.N. reform.

"I respectfully appeal to all states represented here to endeavour to reach a consensus that will enable us to identify common, universal interests," Opertti said.

In his farewell speech, Udovenko lamented that the assembly's 52nd session failed to overcome regional interests and reach consensus on modernizing the world body to make it more efficient and representative.

Among other things, the assembly postponed action on enlarging the 15-member Security Council, effectively the U.N. board of directors, and setting time limits for new U.N. programs so they don't outlive their effectiveness.

Although the U.N. chief's proposals for reform were embraced, "all we can offer was the decision to send a considerable bulk of them for additional consideration during the 53rd session," Udovenko said.

The assembly did take action on one momentous issue this year, granting the Palestinian observer mission special status, allowing it to participate in more assembly matters than a regular observer.

As a result, the Palestinians will be able to take part for the first time in the general debate, which begins Sept. 21 with two weeks of speeches at U.N. headquarters by world leaders. PLO leader Yasser

Arafat plans to use his speech to try to gain support for plans to declare a Palestinian state in May 1999.

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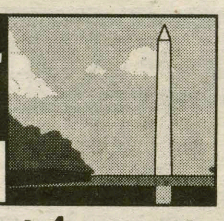

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Source: Starr report lays out 4 separate Clinton charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's referral to Congress accuses President Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice and provides a damaging portrayal of his contacts with Monica Lewinsky and Oval Office secretary Betty Currie, legal sources say.

Starr's report accuses Clinton of lying in portions of his Aug. 17 grand jury testimony as well as his Jan. 17 sworn testimony in the Paula Jones lawsuit, the sources said, speaking only on condition of anonymity during a day of nervous anticipation at the White House and on Capital Hill.

The referral Starr sent on Wednesday lays out detailed evidence that prosecutors contend shows 11 impeachable offense by Clinton, including perjury, obstruction of justice, witness tampering and abuse of power, the sources said.

"The report is a straight narrative" and it alleges that "the president continued to lie and lie and lie,'' one source said.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart declined comment Thursday except to refer to Clinton lawyer David Kendall's statement Wednesday. Kendall said the report represents "only the prosecutors' allegations" and "there is no basis for impeachment.''

The report, which lawmakers expect to make public Friday, will cite specific contacts the president had with Mrs. Currie last December and January and with Ms. Lewinsky in July 1997 — both during critical periods in the Jones laws as evidence of efforts to thwart the litigation, the sources said.

The report details what prosecutors assert was a pattern of lying by Clinton and an effort to sustain such lies by using government employees and resources after Starr's criminal investigation expanded to the Lewinsky matter in January. The evidence ranges from a false statement Clinton approved for his press secretary to put out on the morning the Lewinsky story broke Jan. 21 to the legal battles he allowed his aides to fight to block access to witnesses, the sources said.

The report will also argue that Clinton lied to aides, knowing they would then provide the false information in their grand jury testimony, the legal sources said.

Sources said the report will detail Clinton summoning Mrs. Currie to the Oval Office the day after he gave his sworn deposition in the Jones case last January, testimony in which he denied sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky and said she visited the White House frequently to see Mrs. Currie.

North Western, Union officials OK deal

WASHINGTON (AP)—Negotiators for Northwest Airlines and its pilots reached agreement Thursday on a deal that would end a strike that has grounded the airline for 13 days.

"I think the strike is over," President Clinton announced at the White House after speaking by phone with leaders from the pilots' union and the company.

Soon after Clinton spoke, spokesmen for the airline and the Air Line Pilots Association confirmed that a proposal to end the standoff would be put to a vote of the union's executive board on Saturday.

No details were released. Northwest's 6,100 pilots will remain on strike until at least Saturday, when the union's 17-member council will meet in Minneapolis to consider the proposal.

Air Canada and its pilots also reached a tentative agreement Thursday night for ending a nine-day strike against Canada's largest airline. Ratification of the agreement by the 2,100 Air Canada pilots is expected to take about three days. The airline said its 500 daily flights are expected to resume next Wednesday or Thursday.

The Northwest development came as the length of the work-stoppage and its economic cost was increasing the possibility that Clinton would have to intervene and order thbose pilots back to work.

Bruce Lindsey, one of Clinton's top advisers, had been helping shepherd the talks toward agreement since Tuesday night.

Sources familiar with the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity, said all the major stumbling blocks had been cleared by late afternoon and that the parties were working on details of when the pilots would return to work.

A tentative agreement would not be official until the back-to-work deal was completed and the pilots union's executive council either approved it or sent it out for a vote by the striking pilots.

News

SECURITY blotter

COMPILED BY SCOTT VON DUHN '01

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1:25 a.m. Campus Safety responded to a call from Saunders House and found two broken windows were found in the Saunders garage. There are no suspects or witnesses.

6:00 a.m. A student reported a love seat and five wooden chairs missing from South Hall. The investigation is ongoing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

-- no incidents reported--

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

10:50 p.m. Medical emergency in Babbitt Residence Hall. A student fell from his bunk and sought treatment the next day from the Health Center.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:24 p.m. Three students were injured while participating in a Rugby game on Minor Field. All three complained of minor injuries and sought treatment on their own.

8:05 p.m. A student reported hitting his head on the ceiling while descending a stairway. He suffered lacerations to the head and was taken to St. Lukes Hospotal by a friend for operations.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 p.m. A student reported that the rear window of his vehicle was smashed. The vehicle was parked in the Fieldhouse Lot. There are no suspects or witnesses and the investigation is ongoing.

5:00 p.m. A student reported 50 dollars missing from a backpack that was left unattended in the McEwen Dining Hall.

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Changes in billing, Aid cause confusion

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

Amidst the usual back-to-school confusion, getting organized may have taken a little more time and effort for some returning students this semester, as changes at the Financial Aid office and the Office of the Comptroller added to the paperwork and red tape.

Upperclass students who had an outstanding balance of more than $500 received a letter from Giles Lauzon, College Comptroller, stating that until this balance was taken care of, the student would not be allowed into his or her residence hall or to register for Fall classes. This is the first year a warning letter of this type was sent, according to Lauzon.

"This is a new procedure we implemented this year," he said. "It was a joint decision by a Student Account Task Force made up of representatives from Financial Aid, the Business Office, Residential Life and the Dean of Students. In all, about 600 letters were mailed."

If families did not pay the outstanding balance before the student returned to the Hill, they first had to go to the Business Office to pay and receive their room keys.

Lauzon explained that the letters went out as a broadcast, as an official notification of an already exisiting policy that can be found in the College Catalogue.

"We took great pains to determine all outstanding balances before sending letters," he said. "If we knew of other financial aid items pending, i.e. outside scholarships, TAP, Pell Grants and the like, we took this into account."

In addition to unfinished business with the Comptroller's office, some students are completing Stafford Loan applications now, a process that usually takes place over the summer.

"We were directly responsible for the lateness of the loans," said Ken Kogut, Director of Financial Aid.

Kogut went on to say that a computer glitch prevented College loan information from arriving in Albany in a timely manner. When all information was proccessed after three attempts, it was aleady so late in the summer that the Financial Aid office asked the Higher Education Services office in Albany to send loan applications directly to campus, instead of students' homes.

Although these changes created extra paperwork and hassle for some students, Kogut emphasized the fact that the College actually suffers more than the students in situtations like this.

"This is money coming in three to four weeks late, money that should have been in the bank or put to immediate use."

Both Kogut and Lauzon expressed the idea that their offices are working under tight time constraints. Combined with the fact that some students turn in their paperwork after the deadlines every year, according to Kogut, it is easy to get behind schedule, and confusion ensues.

Upstate loses power after storm

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concern, but evidence of the storm could be found all over campus.

"The only thing of consequence was that the magnolia tree outside Bristol Campus Center was struck by lightning," said Steve Bellona, Director of the Physical Plant. "Other than that everything worked out well. We were able to work our generators and we had enough power to subside until it came back on."

The College lost power at approxiamately 2:00 a.m. Monday morning. Power came on quickly as the south side of campus was restored at noon, and the north at 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon. The lack of power during the day did alter some students' schedules,as several morning classes were canceled, but many teachers seemed insistent upon maximizing classtime.

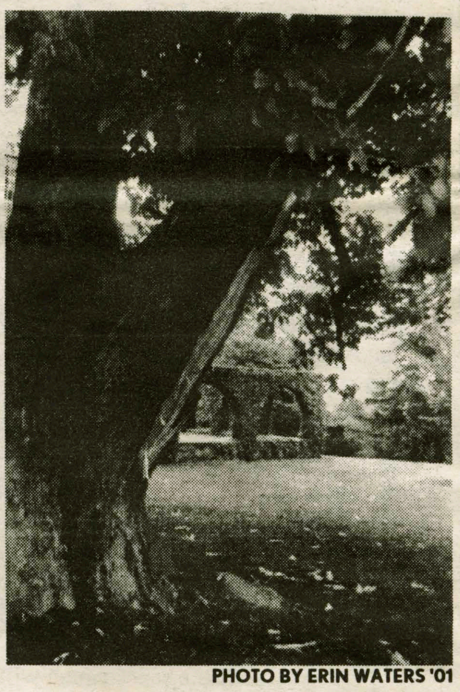
"Our mythology class was canceled when we got there because it was too dark to see the blackboard and many of my classmates didn't get up for class because their alarms had been shut off during the night," said Henry Hornblower '02.

While Niagara Mohawk had crews working around the clock to get the cities up and running, College employees were doing their best to minimize the effects of the storm on campus as well. One of the disadvantages of the storm's timing was that most did not expect such an occurrence this early in the year.

Joe Cappa, Director of Bon Apetit, the food catering service on campus, admitted that his staff is usually more prepared for situations like this.

"This one caught us off guard because of the time of year, but we always have in store things that we can barbecue," he said.

Although the storm was an obstacle for Hamilton students and staff, the overall damage and time committed to restoration was indeed a lucky break, considering the greater damage that it caused in Syracuse and in neighboring cities and towns.



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A magnolia tree in front of Bristol was damaged by the storm.

Democrats endorse Green for Senator

Press Release

The Hamilton College Democrats have officially endorsed New York City Public Advocate Mark Green for the Senate Democratic primary.

Club President Jeffrey Ranen '99 expressed that Mark Green is "the most progressive candidate in the Democratic field, and is the best candidate to defeat Senator Alfonse D'Amato. He has been a devoted advocate of the public interest for over twenty-five years, and our organization believes that Mark Green can best represent the needs of the working people of New York State."

Co-President John Doench '00 added that Green "brings an enthusiasm that would be a welcome change from the entrenched D'Amato."

In February 1998, Mark Green spoke to a large group of students announcing his candidacy, drawing a highly positive response from the student body.

From 1970 to 1980, Green worked in Washington, D.C. with Ralph Nader, who, in 1993, referred to Green as the "leading consumer law enforcement official in the country."

A public interest lawyer and Member of the Bar in New York and Washington, D.C., Green was President of the Democracy Project, a public policy institute in New York City from 1981 through 1989. After serving as the Consumer Affairs Commissioner of New York City (1990-93), Green was elected as the City's first Public Advocate with 60% of the vote. Next-in-line to the Mayor and the ranking elected Democrat city-wide, he presides over the City Council, answers 15,000 complaints a year against the bureaucracy, and investigates city services on behalf of taxpayers, consumers and children.

The Hamilton College Democrats is a student-run organization dedicated to advancing the causes of the Democratic party through grassroots efforts.

La Vanguardia to celebrate October as Latino Heritage Month

by Meghan Hern '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

October is Latino Heritage Month, a nationwide celebration commemorating almost 50 years of history, identity and culture. It is a month of remembrance, pride and celebration encompassing numerous historical events, such as the Independence days of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.

This celebration, beginning nationally on September 15th, will take place on campus throughout the month of October. La Vanguardia and the Multicultural Affairs office are striving for quality over quantity this year as they orchestrate various events designed to foster Latino awareness in the Community, according to Tom Royal, Director of Multicultural Affairs.

Starting September 17 with *The Kiss of the Spider Woman,* movies will be shown every Thursday night in the Red Pit. In addition, there will be a month-long video series shown September 15 through October 6, covering themes such as Indigenous Heritage and Identity, Latino Artists and Biculturalism/ Bilingualism. The videos will play continuously in Beinecke Student Village.

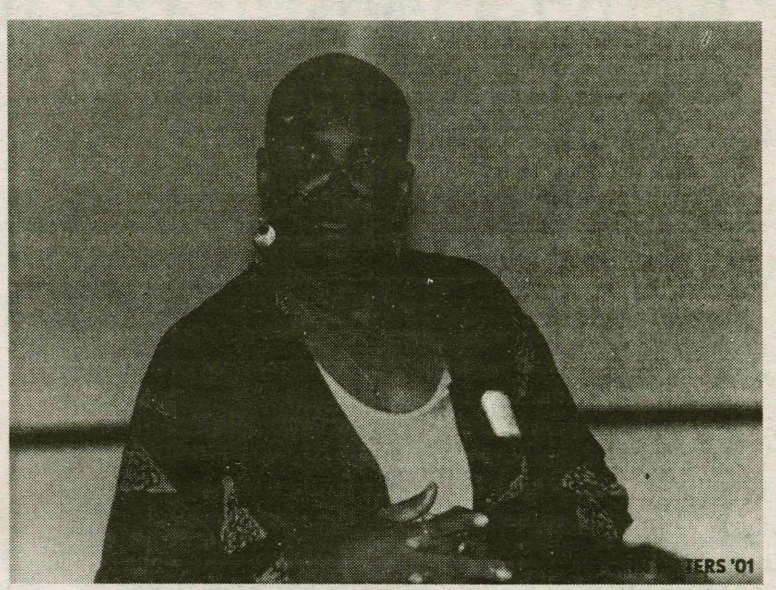
To kick off the celebration in October, there will be a dinner featuring a keynote speaker, and a bit later in the month there will be a panel discussion consisting of professional Latinos working in the real world. La Vanguardia is also working with CAB to bring in the comedy troupe "Nuerican Rule."

Daniel Custodio '00, President of La Vanguardia, hopes that the activities through out the month will "raise Latino awareness on the Hamilton campus. La Vanguardia is taking an activist approach so that people can get a taste of what our culture really is."

The goal of the program is to heighten awareness, educate, and unite students from all backgrounds. Students will be encouraged to not only increase their knowledge and understanding of the Latino culture, but their perception and understanding of other cultures as well.

"There are so many different aspects within the Latino culture," stated Custodio. He explained that throughout the month the richness and diversity of the latino roots, history and culture would be expanded upon and celebrated through the various planned activities.

According to planners, the celebration of Latino Heritage month on the Hamilton campus is an opportunity for all students to learn, to experience, and to celebrate a culture rich in history, diversity, andtradition.



Bylley Avery spoke in the Chapel last night about breast cancer and African-American women, sponsored by the kirkland Project.

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friends a common bond with an institution that has touched and influenced so many lives. Like many alumni, I am reminded daily of how Hamilton taught and and encouraged me to reach beyond myself and how success garnered from hard work is the most satisfying accomplishment. Now, through the New Century campaign, we are challenged to extend ourselves for the College."

Though an $83 million dollar goal may seem lofty to some, the College has an extremely strong record of alumni support. The 1997-1998 fiscal year marked the second highest fund-raising year in the College's history with $3, 378,000 in unrestricted giving and a total of $19,859,000 for the year; only the previous year's fiscal total of $23, 241,000 was higher.

"People support causes that they believe in," said President Eugene M. Tobin in a recent press release. "We are extraordinarily grateful to the commitment and generosity that alumni, parents and friends have shown again this year."

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Taking a look at the prospects for cable TV on the Hill

by Jay Livingston '00
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

Veterans of Hamilton's weather are not fooled by the perfect summer-like days of the first week or two of school. Suddenly and unexpectedly snow will fall and drive Hamilton students out of the green fields and lush glens that surround campus. Winter's arrival means a lifestyle change for everyone on the hill. Free time previously spent outside now must be wasted inside under the protection of roof and heater. Anywhere else in the country this dilemma would be quickly resolved with our culture's best friend, the television. Unfortunately, when a Hamilton student turns the power on their television sets, they are welcomed with three broken channels.

Inspecting any Hamilton college dorm room one quickly finds a little white box with a lonely cable jack protruding out. Unfortunately, when a cable is attached to this, the screen remains featureless snow. Every residence hall is wired for cable, as lounge televisions demonstrate. In control rooms where these lounge lines are connected, the unconnected lines for every little white box sit waiting to be used. If the act of plugging in a few simple cords is all it will take to bring the many channels of cable to everyone on campus, why are we not sitting in our rooms looking for signs of winter's approach on the Weather Channel?

The solution, unfortunately, is not that simple. Last year RHC, Student Assembly, and individual activists combined their efforts and addressed the college. Rob Singer '99, a cable crusader, said two proposals resulted from these

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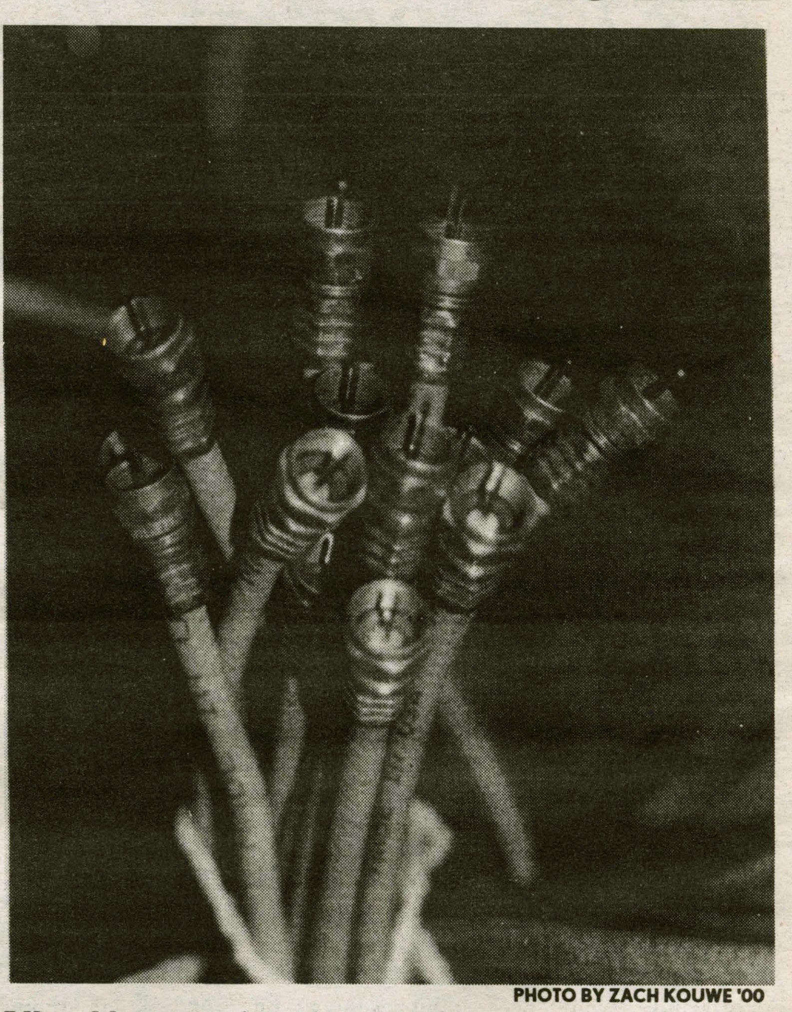
negotiations. One involved tapping all into the local cable provider's existing system. The other proposal offered a plan in which the school would purchase its own satellite system. This system was favored because the college would be able to add its own closed circuit channels to the network. Therefore, progams like Panorama, lectures, and sporting events could also be broadcasted across campus.

Opposition to the idea of a cable-ready campus stifled the process. The faculty are concerned that cable t.v. would lower the quality of social life on campus. Some professors believe that sports and movie channels will take time away from students academic interests.

The biggest obstacle, however, is the price of the satellite system. One source suggests it would cost the college over a half-million dollars for dish and installation. The financial barrier is the primary cause of the administrations frustratingly slow attempt at filling in the hill's media vacuum.

The prospect of receiving cable on campus in the future seems positive. However,there is no certainty that even the class of '02 will see it happen before graduation. The issue is wrapped so tight in red tape at this point that a valid prediction cannot be made about the future of cable on campus. Perhaps this year negotiations will continue and the college will decide on one concrete plan and begin wiring the campus. Until then students will continue to be forced to employ illicit means to get their t.v.



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Idle cable connecting wires in a dormitory on campus

FACES IN THE CROWD

Abena Odammten

by Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E EDITOR

It's not everyday one has the opportunity to spend time with a woman as special as Mrs. Odamtten. Born on Anfoega, Volta Region, Ghana West Africa, Mrs. Odamtten has a very enriched background. Her native tongue, Ewe, is one of 50-99 distinct languages of Ghana. Ewe itself has between 20-30 different dialects. Her whole name, Abena Enyonam Odamtten attests to the beauty of the language. Abena, as is custom in Ghana, stands for Tuesday, the day she was born. Enyonam, her second name means 'all is well'. For the last 20 plus years Mrs. Odamtten has dedicated herself to the upbringing of her three children, Yao, Indira-Josina, and Yom. Anyone who knows Yao can easily recognize how amazing she is.

Mrs. Odamtten did her Undergraduate work at Stoney Brooke College in Long Island while her husband, Professor Vincent Odamtten was studying for his Ph.D. in Caribbean and African American Literature at the same college. In 1986, Mr. Odamtten joined the Hamilton Community as an English and Africana Studies Professor, and they journeyed to Clinton, New York, a place Mrs. Odamtten loves "except for the cold; it's deadly sometimes". They have lived in the same house, just down the hill from the Presidents House, for the last twelve years.

In her spare time, Mrs. Odamtten collects cans and bottles in the Oneida County area, recycles them, and donates the money to an outreach program called Country Pantry that is run by the St. James Church in Clinton. She enjoys contributing to the community, and really enjoys the exercise she gets when walking around the Hill and the surrounding neighborhoods. "I like taking care of kids," Mrs. Odamtten says with a smile. "so during the day, I occasionally look after children." Who wouldn't want their children in Mrs. Odamtten's care?

PHOTO BY JIM O'SHAUGHNESSY '00

Mrs. Abena Odammten

Among her many interests, Mrs. Odamtten loves to cook. To say her cooking is a result of a mere interest is an understatement! Her many dishes, ranging from West African (Ghanaian) to Caribbean and African-American food affirm that her cooking is a fine skill. Her favorite reading material is the Holy Bible. Mrs. Odamtten loves to learn about all religions. She adds, "I always remember to pray for love, understanding, peace, cooperation, and harmony with others." She loves to walk and discuss World Politics. An area where she can offer tremendous insight and a very different perspective.

When asked what she thought of the area, Mrs. Odamtten says "that the weather has been very tough over the years. But I love the people I meet and all my acquaintances." She has met a few people that are a bit ignorant about Africa and its people. Some of their comments or questions have come off as being negative, but "I try to enlighten them as much as I can when necessary."

She agrees that this year people have been very sociable. The mood on top of the Hill strikes her as being significantly more optimistic. She's seen many more smiles this year than she has in a while. Mrs. Odammten adores all of her neighbors. When asked what she thought about her husband, she whispered in my ear, "He's growing old more and more over the years". I tried to hold back the giggle rising in my throat.

Mrs. Odamtten cannot be described by words. She has the spirit and energy of an everlasting flame and the comfort and pleasant sensibility of water. I consider myself lucky to spend time with her and her beautiful family.

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Irregular Ramblings

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

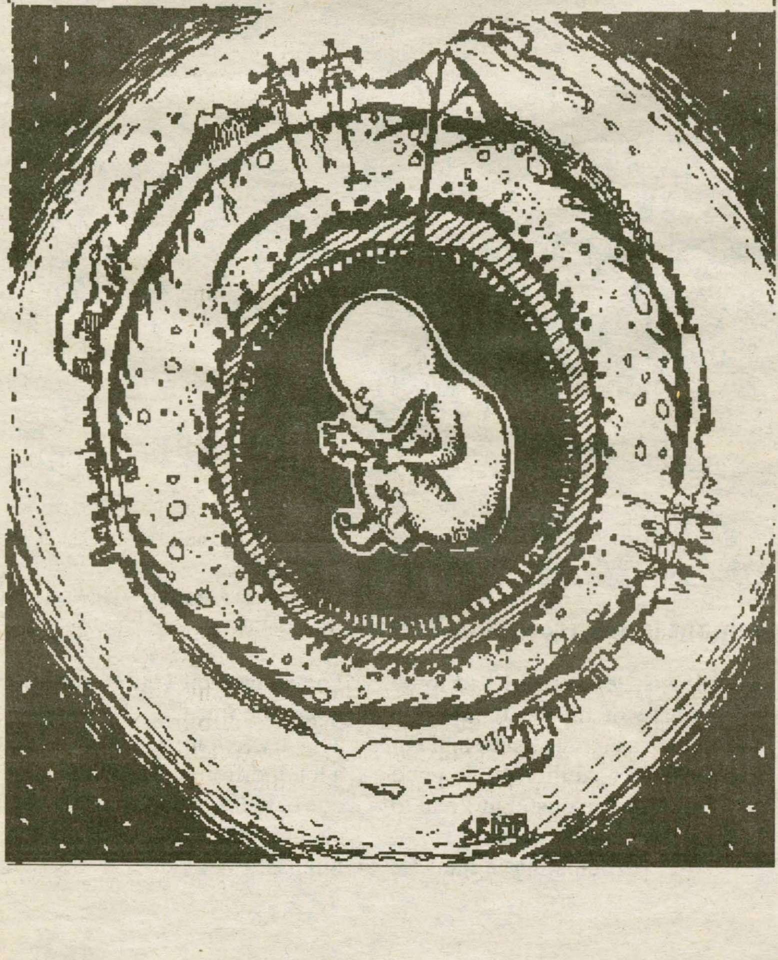
The last United States census shows that fewer people today choose to live underground than did ten years ago. The tendency today is to get as far up into the clouds as you can, and to only alight on the real surface of the planet, beneath all those floors and parking lots, when it is absolutely necessary. However, those who do go underground are undisturbed by the waves of chaos that wash over the planet's surface. Traffic jams, street crime and junk mail would never penetrate the plate tectonic walls of a subterranean sanctuary.

Most people would be unaware that such sanctuaries even existed. The smoke from the underground power plants could just filter out of a lamppost on a busy city street, where it would go unnoticed by the passing machines. The air that went inside, of course, would pass through some sort of giant air purifier. Maybe someday, secret universities will be set up in giant underground caverns, and students will be able to study all the forgotten and forbidden subjects. Knowledge of Alchemy, Witchcraft and Drunken Kung Fu Fighting could all be kept alive beneath our feet, as our secret backup defense against invading aliens, either from other countries or other planets.

In ancient Greece and throughout history, various secret orders were formed to preserve and enhance the areas of knowledge that were somehow deemed unfit for consideration by society. The Pythagoreans discovered geometrical formulas that are taught today in high school math classes around the world, but had to be kept secret due to their volatile nature. If not for the Pythagoreans' persistence in the pursuit of knowledge, they would have become unhappy souls walking in purgatory on Earth, disobeying every law because they disagreed with one. That sounds a lot like what people who are disenfranchised from society succumb to in our own day and age.

It's only natural to obey the Earth's gravitational pull and explore inside towards the warm, yummy center. "Before the beginning of great brilliance, there must be Chaos" was written by Confucius in the *I-Ching*, or *Book of Change*, over 2,000 years ago. Chaos is the life that people flail through on the Earth's crust. Subterranean cultures, though, can move past the confusion and use it to make them stronger. Like a man standing over a conveyor belt and pulling out defective products when they float past, people below the surface of the planet can pull worthwhile ideas that they see being flung about into their catacombs for safekeeping. I dare venture to predict that in the near future, real estate with a view of the sun will become undesirable, as strange weather patterns make terrestrial life even more incomprehensible. The truly powerful will live underground and take vacations in outer space, avoiding the whirlwinds of sound bites and disposable thoughts.

Of course, the potential for evil in such a situation is great on both sides. The surface dwellers could wage war on the subterraneans by dumping chemicals in their water supplies, or try to flood the underground fortresses by turning on weather machines. The underground lairs would retaliate with earthquake generators and fire cannons fueled by magma. However, all these methods of warfare will be around regardless of where we live on the planet, and we might at least survive them if we lived underground.



New professor presents own work

by Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E EDITOR

On Wednesday night, September 9, the new creative writing professor, Doran Larson, read from his latest novella, *Syzygy*. The event was organized by Hamilton's English Department to welcome Larson to the College. The reading took place in the Filius Events Barn following a dinner for English Concentrators.

The word *syzyggy* is an astronomical term meaning the point in time when three celestial bodies are aligned. An example of this phenomena is a solar or lunar eclipse, when our Sun, moon, and Earth are aligned. This particular novella deals with a confusing and complicated love affair between two sisters and their lovers. The story spans their entire lives, from their teenage years into late adulthood.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Professor Doran Larson reads from his own work, *Syzygy*.

Larson began the reading with a plot summary. There are two sisters. One of them, sister A, is loved by two men that are best friends. The other sister (B) loves man A. Man B rapes sister A out of spite. Amidst the confusion, which Larson claims "is explained in the story," sister A decides to marry man A (who is loved by sister B) and have the child, who becomes a central character later in the story. Out of despair, sister B marries man B. At one point in the story, when the child is more grown up, man A kills man B in a wrestling match and leaves his wife and child.

Larson read from the section of the novella where man A returns to his divorced wife (sister A). Sister A viciously rejects him with conviction because she has found happiness with her sister (B). Sister A quickly devises a plan so that man A does not take sister B away. Do not let the complicated, Jerry Springer-esque plot distract you. The rest of the story is more dramatic, and far easier to understand.

Larson has a terrific narrative voice. Amazingly, he makes his confusing plot and character description quite easy to understand. What struck me most was his ability to write so well from the perspective of a middle-aged woman. The attentive female listeners responded to his insight with laughter and surprise.

Larson's most recent honor came when his short story *Morphine* was published as one of the Best American short stories of 1997 by the *Virginia Quarterly Monthly*. His previously published novel, *Marginalia* won positive reviews from the *New York Times Book Review*.

Larson earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Buffalo. Larson has previously worked at the University of Paris, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, SUNY Buffalo, and the University of Texas-San Antonio. A native Californian, Larson prefers the Upstate New York area over California. Wherever he writes, Doran Larson uses precision and style, providing deep insight in the portraits of all his characters.

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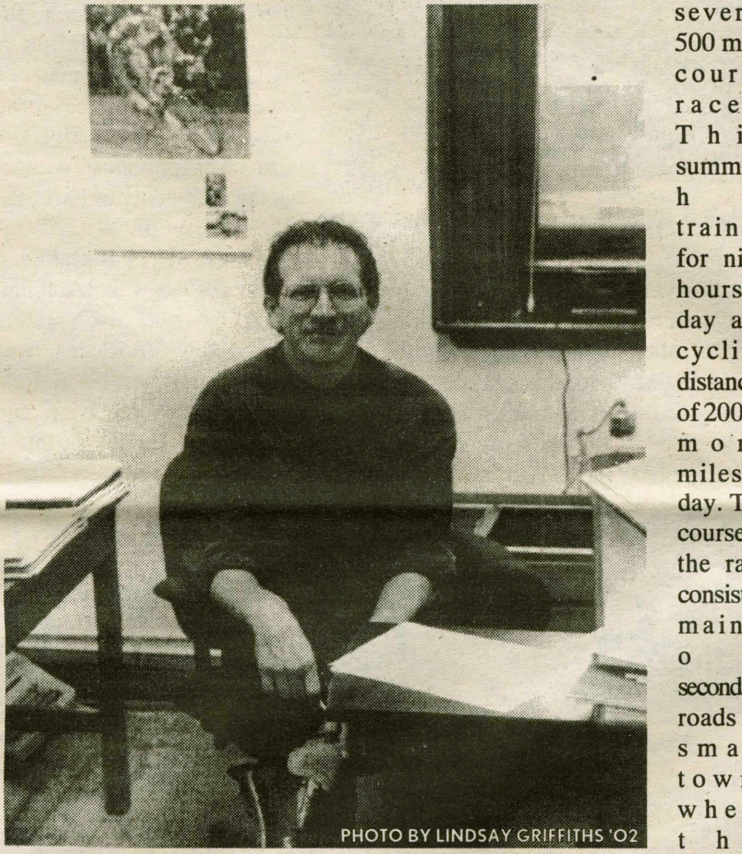
Professors push themselves physically over the summer

By Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES STAFF WRITER

Remember all those lazy days you spent lounging in the sun, with a colol beverage at your side and a good book dangling from one hand? You probably thought nothing could produce a more amazing feeling. Well, kids, it definitely gets better than that. Imagine the sense of accomplishment Religious Studies professor Bernard Comeau felt this summer when he biked across the United States and the feelings of English professor Adam Paul Weisman when he completed a triathlon that totaled 140.6 miles. In the typical Hamilton tradition of pushing oneself to the limit, these two astounding teachers took on amazing physical challenges for the simple love of doing it.

On July 23, 1998, Comeau began competing in what has been rated in sporting magazines as the toughest sporting event in the world, The Race Across America. Comeau left from Los Angeles and eventually completed an astounding 2900 mile cycling course when he reached his final destination in Savannah, Georgia. Amongst 22 other male participants and one female participant who won the race for the fifth time this year, Comeau endured daily temperatures of 100 degrees and the exhaustion caused by cycling between twentyand twenty - one hours a day.

Comeau's adventure began several months ago after he qualified for The Race Across America by completing a 500 mile race in the required amount of time. Prior to The Race Across America, he had participated in several 500 mile course races. This summer, he trained for nine hours a day and cycling distances of 200 or more miles a day. The course of the race consisted mainly of secondary roads in small towns where the traffic was minimal. The race had time stations at each fifty mile mark.



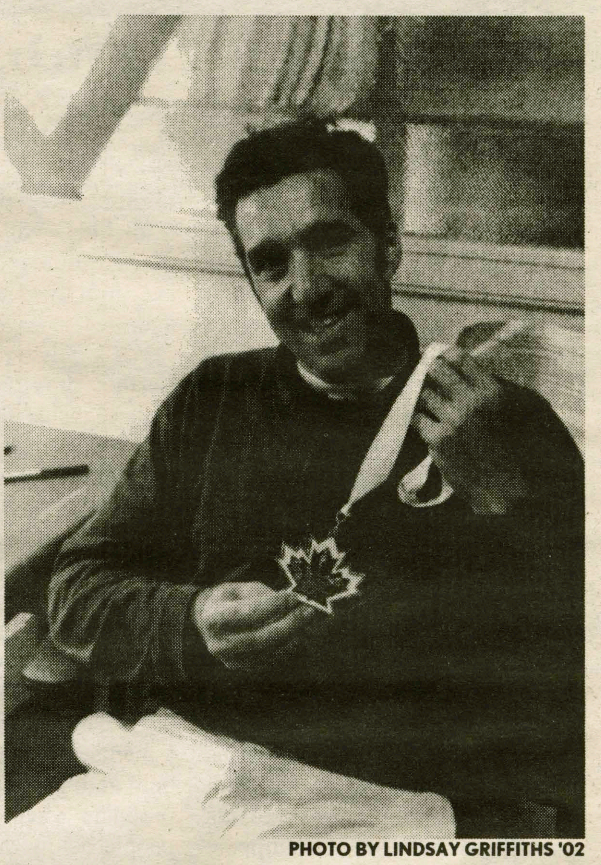
Professor Bernard Comeau.

The entire group of participants were protected and supported by a six member crew team who followed them in a van. In addition to keeping the cyclists motivated, the crew members also had the very important job of monitoring the food and fluid intakes of each of the participants. This was especially important because of the immense heat threat as well as the sleep deprivation that the participants had to tolerate. During participation in the race, Comeau drank a liquid nutritional replacement called Ensure. He also consumed solid foods that were high in fat and in protein. It was necessary for him to consume 10,000 calories a day! He explained, "I ate a lot of burritos, fish sandwiches, and also drank iced tea because I needed the caffeine. I had to try to invent things to keep me awake. I ate everything that I could get my hands on." Two of the crew members were fellow Hamiltionians: Corey Landstrom, the Program Coordinator of Student Activities, and his wife. The crew was composed of some members who were long distance cyclists themselves and others who were simply interested in the sport. No matter the crew members' affiliation with the amazing event, they all had the opportunity to see some of the most diverse and beautiful areas in the United States. According to Comeau, "The crew members were just as important as the riders." Although Comeau did not have anyone that met him at the end of the race, he was not lacking in support, for, as he commented," I had this cheering crew the whole race. They really kept me motivated."

Comeau's goal going into the race was to finish the course in ten days, which would have required him to bike 290 miles a day. Unfortunately, he did not achieve his goal due in part to extremely painful saddle sores he began to suffer from as early as the second day on the course. Another contributor to Comeau's difficulty was an immense knee pain that began on the third day. He commented, "I just was not able to be off the bike for long enough for recovery to take place."

Due to these painful setbacks, Comeau was forced to stop in Hope, Arkansas to rest. Despite it all, Comeau remains optimistic about his performance. He said, "Although I did not achieve what I had hoped to, I am satisfied with going that far given all the unfortunate circumstances I had to overcome."

In regard to his reasons for participating in the race, Comeau said,"Doing this sort of thing forces you to push yourself to your limits, both physically and mentally. This race requires the mental capacity to stay on the bikes as long as possible.The satisfaction is amazing because prior to the experience you think it is impossible or really hard to do, but with the willpower and tenacity along with working hard and training hard, you can do it."



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Professor Adam Weisman.

Comeau is also supportive of athletics here on the Hill. He commented, "Athletics serve a positive role in the community. I encourage students to take part in them no matter what their abilities are."

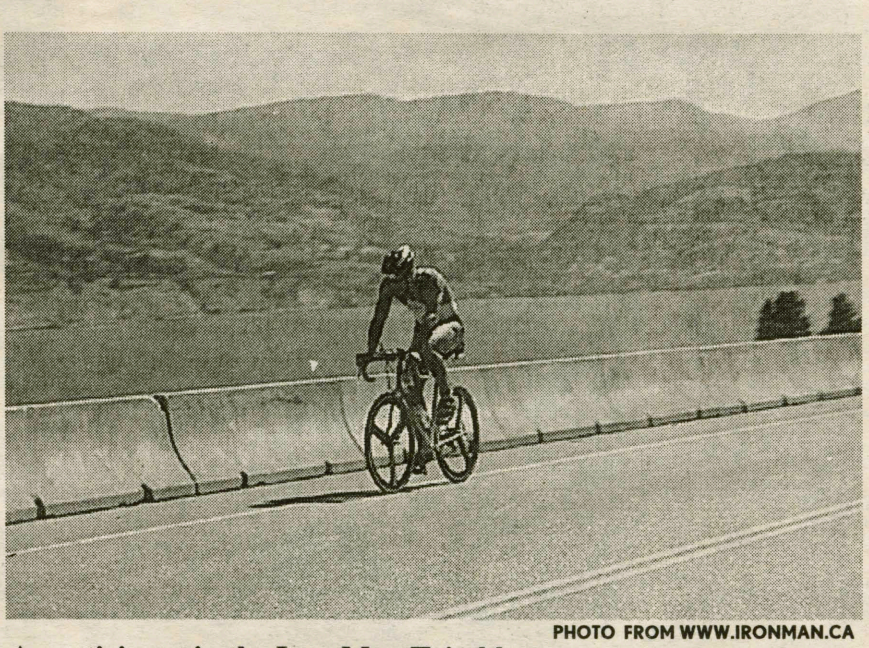
Comeau does not plan on biking in The Race Across America next year. He said, "I want to work on what I learned from this race. I will do smaller races, 500 mile races, this year, though. I want to concentrate on doing those and working on my weaknesses." A 500 mile race in October in California will be the first of Comeau's challenges this year. He hopes to do The Race Across America again in the year 2000.

Our very own Adam Paul Weisman's challenge took place on August 30, 1998 in an area in British Colombia, Canada. It was called the Iron Man Triathlon and was sponsored by Subaru. Other Iron Man competitions take place all over the world, including in Japan and Europe. He began his training a year ago and was greatly supported by his girlfriend, Rebecca Taylor, who also participated. He clarified the fact that training for these three events required training that was different from that of other sports. He commented, "There was a lot less speed work. I had to be very aware of my heart rate and work to be as strong as possible in my aerobic capability. I'm a good swimmer and cyclist, but I had to work a lot on my running."

After participating in the East Coast Long Course Championships,where he finished second in his age group, he qualified for the Nationals.

Professor Weisman's girlfriend is also very accomplished. She is one of the top three women in her age group in New England in the East Coast Collegiate. Weisman described Taylor as his "Built-in motivator." He elaborated, " I owe it all to Rebecca." Although Weisman did not meet his goal either, he is pleased with his performance. He commented, "I did a very fast swim, a solid bike, but my run was not that good. My training for the whole event was not adequate. By mile ten of the run, I had had enough. I was running better in April than in August because of a knee injury I suffered."

In regard to his reasons for participating in the event, he commented, "I get a lot of time to think. The time is very good for helping to remember all of the old Pop songs that you've forgotten along the line." He added, "I also try to pursue excellence in a lot of different ways, and this is one of them. People at Hamilton should be trying to do hard things."



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The Career Center is sponsoring a workshop hosted by Financial Guru Rich Bernstein on Thurs. Sept. 17 at 6:30pm in Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

FILM

The Foreign and Fine Films Society presents *The Cook, the Thief, His Wife & Her Love* in KJ Auditorium on Sat. Sept. 12 at 10pm and on Sun. Sept. 13 at 7:30pm.

ARTS

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Emerson Gallery is sponsoring an Artist/Author Panel Discussion on Sat. Sept. 12 at 3pm in Bristol Hub. There will also be an Exhibition Reception in Emerson Gallery from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

David Greenberger will present an Artist's Talk Wed. Sept. 16 at 4:15pm in CJ Room 222. This event is sponsored by Emerson Gallery.

CHECKITOUT

Come to the Fall Festival on Sat. Sept. 12 from 1 to 4pm in the Events Barn to find out more about campus organizations.

The Campus Activities Board presents Comedian Gregory Carey on Sat. Sept. 12 at 8pm in the Fillius Events Barn.

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EDITORIAL

The sounds of the fury

Mother Nature and her rather unpredictable mood swings have been the topic of much conversation over the past week due to the storm that rolled across Upstate New York leaving a trail of downed branches and power failures in her path.

Watching Monday morning's awesome storm was enough to make one feel a sense of one's own powerlessness when faced with the forces of nature: the flashing, pulsating lightning and rolling, soul-shaking thunder. It is difficult to think of anything else that can be so frightening, and yet so beautiful at the same time.

Some may have spent the wee hours of the morning sitting in their windowsills watching in awe, mesmerized by the eerie glow of strobe-effect lightning glimmering against sheets of rain. The beauty, the power, the fury arouses a stirring philosophical side.

It seems there should be a contrast between the fury of the storm and a splendid morning's sunrise. The reddish-pink glow moving upward against the horizon burning away the violets and blues of night. The sun devouring the moon and rising higher, casting a golden glow over dewy grasses. While the sunrise breeds a sense of tranquility, both scenes evoke a feeling of relative unimportance in the observer. How can a single human possibly be important in the 'scheme of things'? Nature is so vast, so beautiful, so perfectly imperfect.

Just look at the stars on the next clear evening. Think about how many millions of years it took for the tiniest star in the farthest galaxy to shine like that. How much can a single person or his or her worries, a bad test grade, or an unfinished task matter compared to that tiniest single star?

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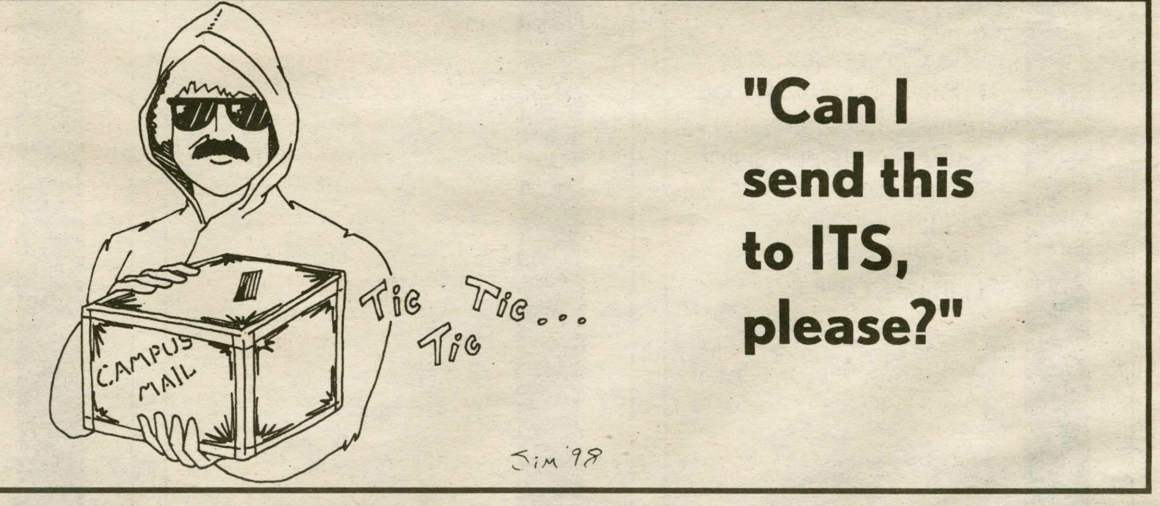
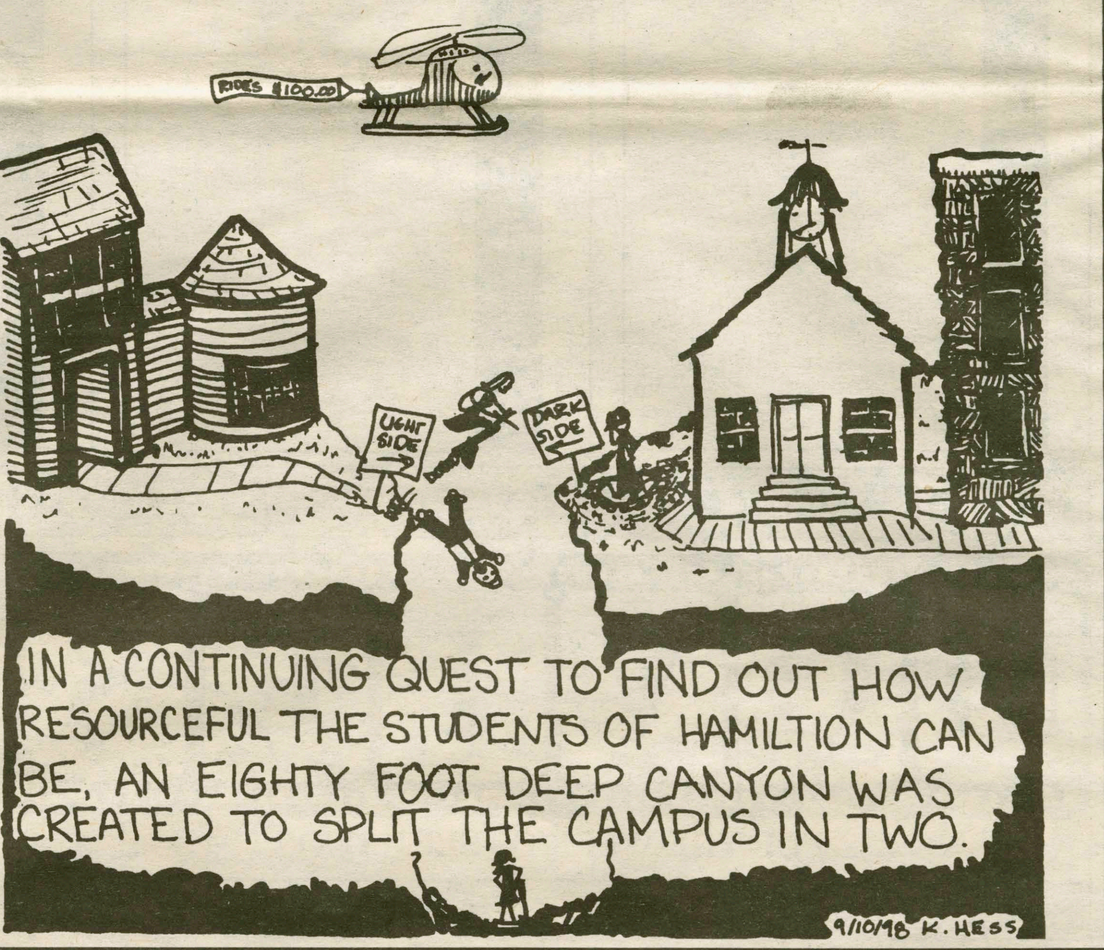




LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

beer bottle smashers; thoughtless

To the Editor:

Following the first full weekend of the semester, a familiar feature of life on the Hill has returned, namely, broken beer bottles strewn about campus. Drunken students on their way to and from parties seem to get a kick out of making broken glass for the rest of us to step over.

This practice shows a sickening disregard for the people who have to clean up after thoughtless students. That is bad enough, but as a dog owner who walks his dog on the Hill every day, I fear that she will someday cut a paw on some thoughtless student's detritus.

To all those who get a kick out of breaking beer bottles: throwing an empty on the ground does not show that you are cool or tough, it shows that you are a jerk. Your amusement should not come at the expense of other people and innocent animals. You should be ashamed that you do not realize that.

Professor Kirk Pillow
Philosophy

Ken Starr; wasting time and money

ADAM HOGAN

ONLY IN AMERICA

Unless you have lived under a rock for the past two years, you must be sick of hearing the name Ken Starr. For over two years he has been busy investigating President Clinton in some way, shape or form. From Whitewater to everyone's favorite intern, Starr's name has been synonymous with the words White House and scandal for far too long. This investigation may have had some substance in the early stages, but it has deteriorated into a GOP witch-hunt. Together with the overwhelming support of the GOP, Starr has completely lost sight of what is best for the US. Is it good logic to assume that the president's personal life will have such a great impact on this nation? I fail to see this - America is prospering, with a budget surplus for the first time in decades. This is the same man who proposed the first balanced budget in thirty years. To be very blunt, I care very little about Mr. Clinton's private life-that's why it is private!

As of January 1998, Mr. Starr had spent 30 million dollars of American taxpayer money. This number came from the General Accounting Office before the Lewinsky investigation even began. Unfortunately, the most current figures were not available, as the GAO is still computing them. It sincerely bothers me that money that could have been spent taking homeless persons off the streets or keeping drugs from entering this country.

Today, Kenneth Starr announced that his entire report is making its way to Congress. The report was 500 pages and 18 boxloads of supporting evidence collected by Starr during his investigation of the President. This is certainly a relief to hear, as I think this investigation should never have progressed this far. At least there is some end in sight. One of my favorite things to hear over the past few weeks has been the "impeach" word coming from Republicans. Is it logical to impeach a man under whom this nation has prospered? By the time the GOP gets its act together, President Clinton's term will have expired and he'll be playing golf somewhere sipping a cold drink. It is certainly going to take them some time to get through 500 pages of what is wasted paper, anyway.

I would like to clarify one point I am not sure I have emphasized. By no means do I think the President did not do anything morally wrong. The evidence is clear that something went on between he and Ms. Lewinsky. However, I could care less about the details. We must remember that the President is a human like the rest of us, and he is entitled to a private life. Many other presidents have been rumored to have done unethical things and/or lie. John F. Kennedy was one of those men, and he pulled this nation back from the brink of nuclear war. The US is still the most powerful nation on earth, the economy is good, Mark McGwire just broke the most prestigious record in sports, and Ken Starr is still whining about Slick Willy.

I just laugh, knowing I still have to get up and go to class tomorrow. I've thrown my opinion in your faces, and I thank you for listening. I just ask you to ask yourself: Do you really care?

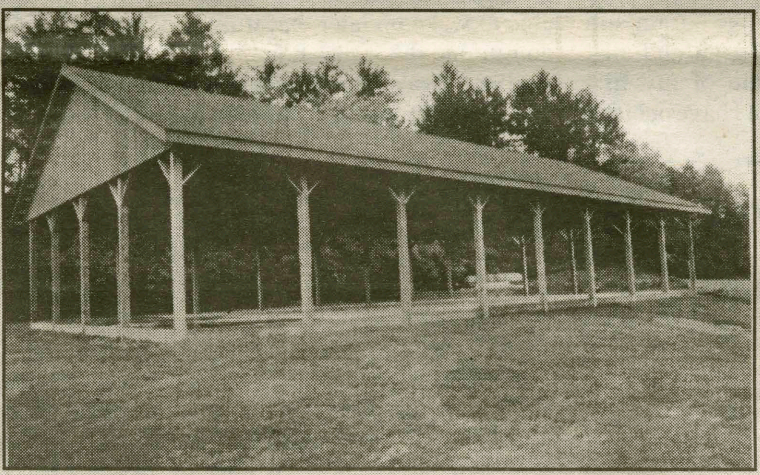
THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99

EUGENE TOBIN

INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY

V O I C E B O X

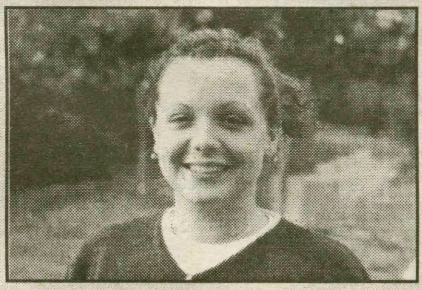
Elliot Nix '99
"Whiskey...lots of whiskey..."



Tait O. Svenson '00 & Aaron Holmes '01
"Earmuffs and *Bodywarmth*!"

Steve Fontaine '01
"What's the pavilion...?"

How are you going to stay warm in the pavilion during La Niña?



Heather Hyde '02
"I'm not going to the pavilion."

LETTERS AND OP-ED POLICY

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I don't know what I'm talking about, but I'm not complaining

AMANDA TAYLOR
REFLECTIONS

As an inexperienced young freshman, I have no right to an opinion. This makes writing an opinion article a darned near impossible task. At first, I thought that I would rant and rave about a world or national issue; but the soapbox was just too high. For one thing, here on this hill, we don't seem to be inundated with news about the goings-on of the mere mortals down below. In other words, I haven't watched the news or read anything other than the illustrious *Clinton Gazette* for a few weeks now. The main reason that I'm not getting up on that soapbox, however, is due to a more selfish concern. Just about everyone in the general vicinity is of superior intelligence than me (professors), or at least acts like it (upperclassmen). I don't want to sound like the uninformed, moronic, underclassman that everyone probably sees me as anyway. My visions of "letters to the editor" pouring in about how half the information in the opinion column was incorrect and Sudan is not located in Indonesia, signed Dean of Students or Department Head of African Geography was simply not appealing to my puny "sense of self."

Therefore, due to the aforementioned concerns, I decided to write about a Hamilton-specific issue. To my dismay, I found that many of the same problems were still...well...problems. I can't tell you what the Bristol Campus Center is, where it is, or who these people, Mr. Bristol, Mr. Root, or Mr. Kirkland are. Nor can I tell you why they all had such strange names. If you asked me what the difference between the Christian-Johnson and Kirner-Johnson buildings were, I might point towards the dark side and smile, and until a few days ago, I didn't know that there was a basement level in the library, which is compounded by the fact that I still don't know how to get my e-mail there. When the system goes down, I want you all to know that it is because I had four-thousand messages that were unread and the system overloaded. Furthermore, I don't know about parties, social life, school policy, and can barely grasp what on earth is meant by an honor court. Sometimes, I don't even know which key opens my door. Especially when it's really late at night.

It seems that my only value to the community is to present my view of college from a very objective perspective. I am still an outsider looking in, and all I can offer are some of my first impressions. What I have decided to focus on is the amount of complaining that I have overheard concerning the dining situation. In a previous article in *The Spectator*, it was reported that a student felt that lines were at times, "ridiculous." While waiting in line, I often hear the sentiment echoed, and I also understand that the general consensus is that many students are "getting sick of the food in McEwen." Perhaps it is just my naivety speaking, but I was practically ecstatic about the dining situation here. As a survivor of YMCA camps where they routinely tried to poison us by serving vegetables that were on their way to the compost pile and bug juice from containers labeled, "do not drink in large amounts, may cause cancer," I was expecting more of the same. To my surprise, I found the quality of food here great, and there is a lot of variety, including many foods that I wouldn't have at home. A Belgian waffle maker? A salad bar? A personal stir-fryer? An ice-cream machine that you can squirt out yourself? This is better than Disneyworld! As far as the lines go, I'm not thrilled to wait for food, but I really haven't found them to be too bad. I will be happy when Commons open because I will not have to walk as far to get my meals, hence I will be able to wake up later, but truly, I don't mind the walk. It helps me find my way around campus, which if you haven't guessed, is something with which I need all the help I can get. I also see it as an interesting way to test sociological principles. I like to see if upperclassman will a) say hi, b) look right through me, or c) just look really cool.

My main point is not about food. Eating is just something that we do to stay alive. Complaining about the campus in general seems to be the major pastime here. As someone who is still pretty fresh off the college tour circuit, my perspective is fairly unbiased. This is an incredibly pretty and accessible campus. If you've ever seen SUNY Binghamton, you know that the color scheme was based on vomit and that SUNY Albany looks like it is about to take off into outer space. Even Colgate seems to have been designed so that all of the super-jocks there could work out their leg muscles going up and down the hills. I feel very fortunate to be here at Hamilton. We have a pretty yellow barn and a romantic looking chapel that has a romantic sounding bell. We have buildings made out of stone, an incredible swimming pool, and most importantly, very cool trees.

I know that as a freshman, I have not yet had time to become cynical, and in a couple of months when we're buried under four feet of snow, I'll be changing my tune. But truly, considering the alternatives, I think that we should all be very glad to be here-with or without food lines. That is my humble opinion. Not that I have a right to one. Yet.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By Dale Cooper, Harry S. Truman & Audrey Horn

Renegade golf carts

strobe lightning

northern lights

Can-I-Bus

Jupiter is mostly gas

new order-in system at The Diner

to the other four fingers

Screech is Mike D's younger brother

From the desk of dan k.

ShOOting from the Mind

Hello, people. After only one minor hindrance, I am here to report the world to you, at least "a" world. I know that the rainstorm held our timing back a little, do not fret, I am here and that's what matters.

Well, the second week proved to be rather uneventful with people scraping around for some fun. This is not tolerated anymore, for we shall be able to have our fun at great lengths from now on. I think that rainstorm shook us up a little, creating a standard of nothing that can only get better. This is our future, after making it through an early fall we'll breeze through the cold winter. No problems, we've got it all under control.

The world is really getting a shake up of late, Russia is proving again that any mistake is a costly mistake. Starr is ready to rat out Clinton, barring any "terrorist" activity. McGuire proved that bashing his forearm against another's did not hurt his career, damn skeptics. Our economy is swinging more than ever, not really important though. I guess now is not a good time to talk about financial problems. It can't be all bad.

I recently pondered the idea of blind people in prisons. Seemed like a curious misfortune.

If you had to guess which state the Simpson's town of Springfield was in, what would it be? It can be a combination of two if you wish.

I wonder why we have yet to develop theme parks that are simply amazing feats. For example, a log flume-type ride down Niagara Falls. Instead of building hideous twisted metal frames, they could use physics and nature. I'd be a lot more inclined to drop twenty bills there than at Six Flags.

I find it strange that people don't think that they have weird thoughts. I find it strange that I even have thoughts, and the ones I have are never remotely sane. I wonder if that is a popular denial?

I overheard someone recently say that he thought wedgies were sexy. Strange brew I tell you, strange brew.

It isn't right that we think that we are smarter based on a ranking. Doesn't that contradict the whole poll? Any smart college would understand the complete uselessness of any standardized college ranking system.

That's what a thong is all about. The person said that too, I forgot to tell you that earlier. I do that sometimes, I can make you forget things.

Harvest is just around the corner, so don't forget to go buy some local produce in the coming weeks, nothing better than getting it while it is still fresh.

Sometimes I think about how strange it would be if I were Ozzie Ozborne's son. That would be just real weird.

How often must we be reminded of our incompetence as a functioning society? I don't think that question can ever be answered, I don't know why though, I just think that any response won't be as significant as the idea that we can question it ourselves. Kind of a double-edged sword if you will.

Time is no longer an issue, I think we should all take off our watches and live life based on our own time. I think it would be interesting to see the different conceptualizing of time by different people. We spend way too much of our life worrying about time, that we waste more time by worrying about being late. Working completely at my own rate generates some good results.

At least it is the weekend, we have that to look forward to. A few quick words to the wise, Q-Tips are a myth, glass jars work the best. Also, read deep into everything, for all things in life can be seen from a multitude of levels. Don't let anything pass you by, you know you are not fast enough to play catch up.

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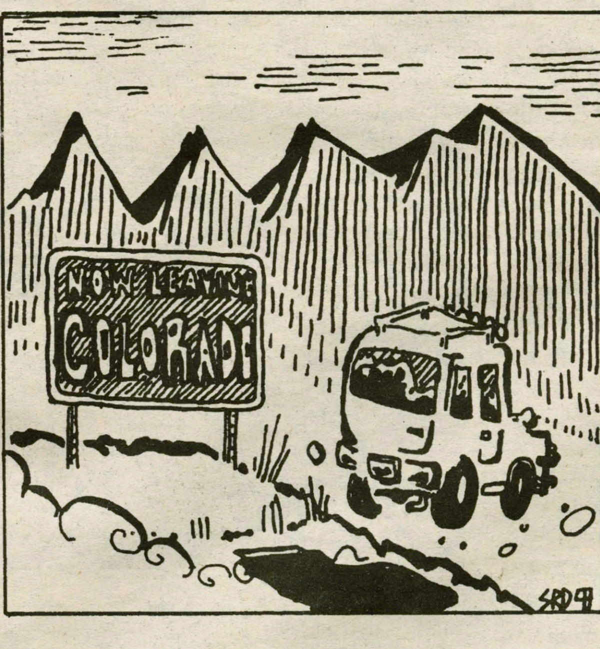
The big brother complex

TAMAR SCOGGIN
ECHOES OF ELDORADO

When I tell people where I am from, Boulder, Colorado - you might've heard of the place - the response is 99.5% uniform: "What the (fill in the blank) are you doing out here?" If I were of the sarcastic sort, I might reply that I'm going to school out here, brainchild. Instead, I smile sheepishly and spin the tale of how I followed my brother, Charlie, out here. When Charlie was a junior in high school he made the decision to come east for prep school. He went to The Salisbury School - you might've heard of the place. Then Colgate called him as the choice institution of higher learning. When it came time to send him packing, the decision was handed down that we would drive him out there. My first cross-country road-trip to New York consisted of three days spent in a fetal position in the back of the car among all the college provisions. Up front, oblivious to the luxury of their leg-room, my mother and my brother bickered over the driving duty. My mother still accompanies me when I make the very same road-trip to my own institution of higher learning, Hamilton. I, however, happily concede to let her drive.



After seeing Charlie off his freshman year, I visited him a few more times on my own, opting to fly, of course. I spent the majority of the visits at the Colgate DU house, where he was a brother. I became something of the "little sister" of the house - it made for some pretty crazy times. As a result I have some of my fondest college memories before I even made it to college. So, when it came time to look for my own school, I was duly impressed by the fellowship I had experienced among Charlie and his frat brothers (I'll go into the frat house situation at Hamilton another time, but for now, let my stance stand as "thumbs down" on the barren houses). My brother had come east and done very well in establishing himself outside the Garden of Boulder. I wanted not only a bite from the apple, I wanted the apple itself. This, however, was not the first time I had sought to follow in Charlie's footsteps. When he used to skateboard back in the day, I coveted his left-over copies of *Thrasher* magazine. When he amassed countless rap albums, I did my best to match him with Queen Latifah and MC Lyte. I tried snowboarding, but he quit as my coach after I explicitly told him what he could do with his snowboard when I fell off the chair-lift on the first run of the day. What can I say, he is my big brother, and despite my mother's insistence that I be a girl, I have a residual tomboy complex. Hey, my playing rugby isn't all serendipity.

So how did it work out that I ended up at Hamilton instead of down the street at Colgate? I had the option, as well as the family incentive, to go to Colgate. Ultimately I chose not go to Colgate because I wanted to maintain a trickle of originality, that has since turned into a river. I might have stepped on my brother's heels getting out here, but when it came time to go my own way, I went with a vengeance. I'm certain that had I gone to Colgate I would have created a brother-independent lifestyle, but not without certain brother-conscious consequences: hypothetically, hooking up with DU brothers would have been practically incestuous.

Being a freshman, on top of having never lived outside of Boulder, I had simply wanted the assurance that someone I could turn to was only 20 minutes away, as opposed to 2000 miles away. Now I'm back to square one as Charlie graduated at the end of my freshman year and is again 2000 miles away in Colorado, reclaiming his roots. Left up to my own devices, having initially ventured out east to see what my big brother had seen, I've actually taken hold of my own fate. Seeking to emulate my brother has made me a better person simply for the reason that he opens my eyes to new things - even though I persist on going down a mountain with two boards attached to my feet instead of one.

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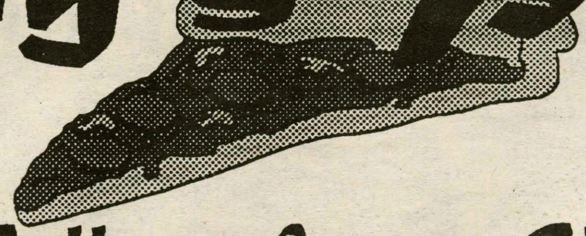

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Canibus' long awaited album *Can-I-Bus* 'rolls up on you like long sleeves'

by Andrew McKay '00
A&E MUSIC WRITER

Hip-hop is something Germane Williams would sacrifice his life and die for, something that, if he was already dead, he would rise for. He is 'the human rubix cube,' the manimal who will 'get in the back of a cab and rhyme until the meter reads 999.99.' The reason there was a lightning storm the other night was because his album was about to drop. He taps into the Universal Intelligence Matrix constantly—and you don't, and nobody you know does. If you haven't heard of him then you must have been in a soundproof UFO at the other end of the space-time curve for the past year. *Canibus* is here to give us a glimpse of channel zero, of the government conspiracies that go on 'a hundred and fifty stories below basements', of the reasons why we need to 'fear science not Satan.' He will make you congo bongo gorilla bananas with the stuff he comes up with. The man has made light shoot out of my eyes. He made my friend glow for ten seconds back in July.

COURTESY UNIVERSAL RECORDS

In our local mall the other day, I was looking at the so-called magazine of Hip-hop music and culture, the source—they don't even deserve a double-digit sized font—anyway, I was looking through it and noticed that they gave Canibus' album three mics. This means so-so. Then I started to read the review and it said the album was a "bus[t]." I didn't read the whole thing because I got mad, but it said something about the beats being weak. Wyclef executive produced the album. I'll admit that the beats are somewhat simple, but I think they have their own alien funk thing happening which is coconuts. The whole point is that the lyrics are on top again. Do we really need twenty billion jiggawatted eighty-track Puff Daddy beats? This album is like a resurrection of the old school and the *Source* missed the bus. It's the return of the battle skills with some Discovery Channel and X-Files tossed in.

The crown jewel of the album is "I Honor U," sort of like a love-to-mom sequel to "All That I Got Is You" by Ghostface. This cut goes where no jam has gone before—Canibus raps from the perspective of the sperm going to fertilize the egg and then as the developing fetus. Actually, it's kind of a one-up on Nas' 1996 song "I Gave You Power," where Nas raps from the point of view of a gun. Just a peek (*Canibus* is speaking to his mom): "Terminate the lease, call the landlord/ Give your job two weeks notice, pack up the car and go to New York/ What part?/ They got a little borough called the Bronx,/ Mom/ and I heard that's where Hip-hop is gonna start/ Hell yeah, I think we need to be right there/ Four months in your stomach and I already chose a career." He went with his gut while he was still in hers. Meditate on it.

The Nields, Delmhorst kickoff Coffeehouse series

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Hamilton welcomed *The Nields* back with a full Barn this past Thursday night.

by Darcy Lewis '02
A&E STAFF WRITER

The Acoustic Coffeehouse kicked off its series this Thursday night with the infectious music of a high-energy band known as *The Nields*. *The Nields* formed in the early 90's, when Nerissa Nields teamed up with her sister Katryna and her then-boyfriend and now-husband David Nields to form a trio. By 1994, they had added Dave Chalfant, the bass player, and Dave Hower, the drummer, and are now a band with a fervent fan base.

The Nields' unique musical sound is a blend of folk and pop, with a touch of that angsty sound that made Alanis Morrisette famous. They write evocative songs that give you something to think about. Songs such as "Cowards" really pulled in the audience with its interesting breaks where Katryna simply talks and tells a story.

They have a truly unclassifiable sound, getting airplay on college, Triple A, alternative and folk stations across the U.S. and have an ardent following of teens and college-goers alike.

Opening for *The Nields* was a classic cellist turned rocker by the name of Kris Delmhorst. Her music is very thoughful and moody, reminiscent of The Indigo Girls and Paula Cole. She sings about relationships in amazing songs such as "Weatherman" and "The Open Road." In my personal favorite of the night, "Gravity," she sings of being invincible and how nothing can hold her down. I enjoyed Kris's interesting lyrics and her mellow style.

On September 22nd, *The Nields* are releasing a new album entitled *Play* on Zoe Records. Through a string of live dates, *The Nields* are bringing their new, wonderful songs to new audiences as well as old.

Next in the Acoustic Coffee Series: Susan Werner with special guest Rose Polenzani on Thursday October 29.

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Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
Two weeks down and many more to go Virgo. Look back on these first few weeks and figure out where you went right and where you need a little improvement. Reflection will make you a better person. Your lucky corn is: on the cob.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
You've been helping your friends out immensely, Libra, doesn't it make you feel good. Since good things come to those who wait, you'll be collecting big soon. Your lucky singer is: Easy E.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
No matter where you are Scorpio, you cause excitement. Don't try to deny it, you leave a lasting impression. But, be sure not to abuse this power. Your lucky walk is: the strut.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
According to the stars, there is happiness right around the corner, Sagittarius. No matter how big the workload or how dreary the day, nothing will keep you from smiling. Enjoy it while it lasts! Your lucky guest is: a visitor from far away.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Capricorn's can become very quiet when they want to, but be sure not to let yourself become anti-social. Although you may be feeling a bit overwhelmed these days, retreating from the world is not the solution. Your lucky animal is: an orangutang.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
With Saturn entering your house this week, it proves to be a stress free month you are about to begin. Don't even try and create anxiety, it doesn't exist for you, Aquarius. Your lucky computer center is: KJ 225.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
It's time to get some exercise, Pisces. That excuse of getting your room all straightened out just won't cut it anymore. You may meet someone special while burning off the calories. Your lucky exercise is: the sit-up.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
So you survived the crazy storm, Aries. You are becoming even tougher than you thought you were. As things slowly begin to pick up, you will find there are many battles for you to fight. Hang in there, you will be victorious. Your lucky station is: WHCL.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Having trouble reaching out and touching someone, Taurus? Be patient and a connection will be made. Rest assured that someone misses you even more than you miss them. Your lucky entree is: mac and cheese.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Get your butt in gear, Gemini! No one is going to do your work for you and you aren't as smart as you think you are. Cockiness and laziness may be your downfalls this semester, shape up quickly. Your lucky addiction is: caffeine.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
All Cancers must try new things at this time of year, they will be successful in all endeavors. Luck is something you will be blessed with these next few weeks, so use it wisely and it will provide you with many new opportunities. Your lucky game is: golf.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Don't be a coward, Leo. Try talking to some people you don't know, you may enjoy yourself. Also, be a little bit daring with your work, you'll see some mighty big rewards. Your lucky party is: Democrat.

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

Saving Private Ryan — A

Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8, Sangertown Square Mall

by Kathy Hess '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

Wonderfully executed, the film *Saving Private Ryan* sends one message; war demolishes and depends on individuals. The first forty-five minutes of film depict very realistically the Omaha landing at Normandy (D-Day). The first person style of shooting disturbs the viewer with immediate sights and sounds of war. Every technique that Steven Speilburg uses, conveys what participating in the battle felt like to an American soldier. A shot of the wrecked beach, the final scene of the battle, discourages any remaining myth about the greatness of war. Carnage fills the screen.

The rest of the movie follows Captain Miller (Tom Hanks) and seven of his men on a journey to find Private Ryan (Matt Damon). Private Ryan's three brothers died in battle, giving the youngest son a ticket home. The eight men sent to find him struggle with their duty. Saving one man at the risk of eight others seems a waste, and counters the logic they learned throughout their training and the war. In battle, ten men might be saved through the sacrifice of one. This company's assignment saves only one man (a private!). None of the eight men reason that Private Ryan could be worth the sacrifice.

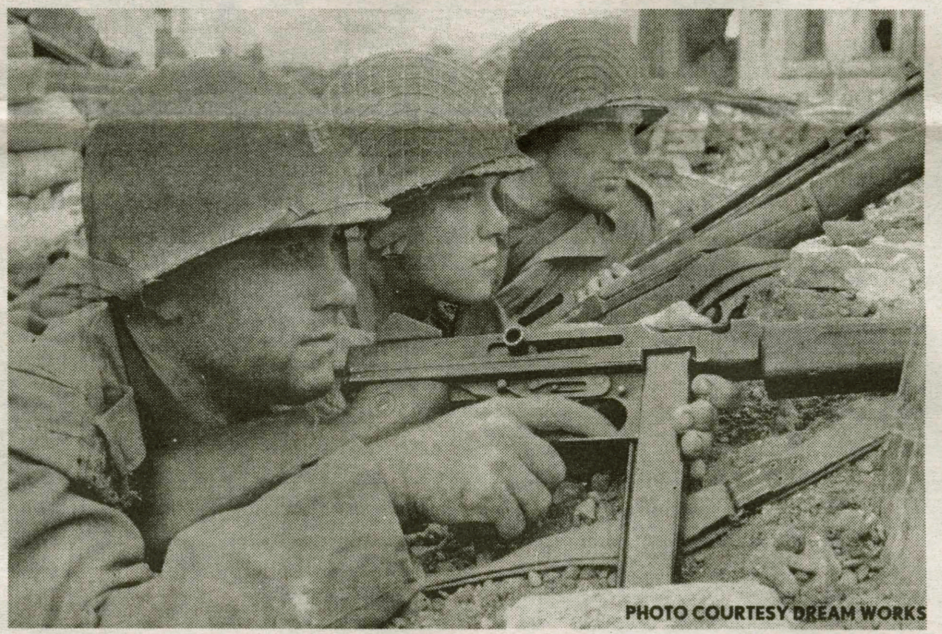
The seven men lead by Captain Miller each have their own skills and drawbacks, adding to the stress of the mission. Sergeant Horvath (Tom Sizemore) muscles the men on their journey and his loyalty backs the brains of the Captain. Medic Wade (Giovanni Ribisi) provides medical skill and compassion to the company. Sniper, Private Jackson (Barry Pepper), fires while quoting scripture. This method of using a single sniper usually proves more effective than a group attack. Private Reiben (Edward Burns) and Private Caparzo (Vin Diesel) doubt the mission, and portray the most common soldiers of the group.

Private Mellish (Adam Goldberg) struggles with being a soldier, and a Jew (in a war unfriendly to both). Corporal Upham's (Jeremy Davies) usefullness end with his translating skills (German and French). The war terrorizes Upham, in part because he knows what the enemy is saying. Captain Miller idealizes the brave, smart, and quiet leader. The two sections of the film flow together without disturbing the serious mood of the film.

PHOTO COURTESY DREAMWORKS

The movie contains a great deal of violence and gore. If bloodshed bothers you, you want to avoid this film. It is always interesting when a movie comes out and studios/critics say that for reasons of intellectual or moral importance you "must" see it. If you want to see what D-Day was like, from within the safety of a theater, this is probably the best way to do it. Remember that even the best made films depict fiction, not reality (no matter how carefully reincarnated). Someone's point of veiw affects every shot, and you are shown only what they want you to see.

Saving Private Ryan realistically depicts WW II's most important battle, and more importantly it tells an excellent story.



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'The Big Lebowski': this weeks choice rental about partying and bowling

by Ross White '01
A&E STAFF WRITER

Let me ask the general Hamilton campus a question. Do you think if I put an ad in the Daily bull offering $1000 for a severed toe I could get the money? I'll explain. Joel Coen, who produced *Fargo* came out with a new flick called *The Big Lebowski* which portrays unusual characters encountering mysterious scenarios in odd locations discussing stuff you have never thought about like the question I just posed to you.

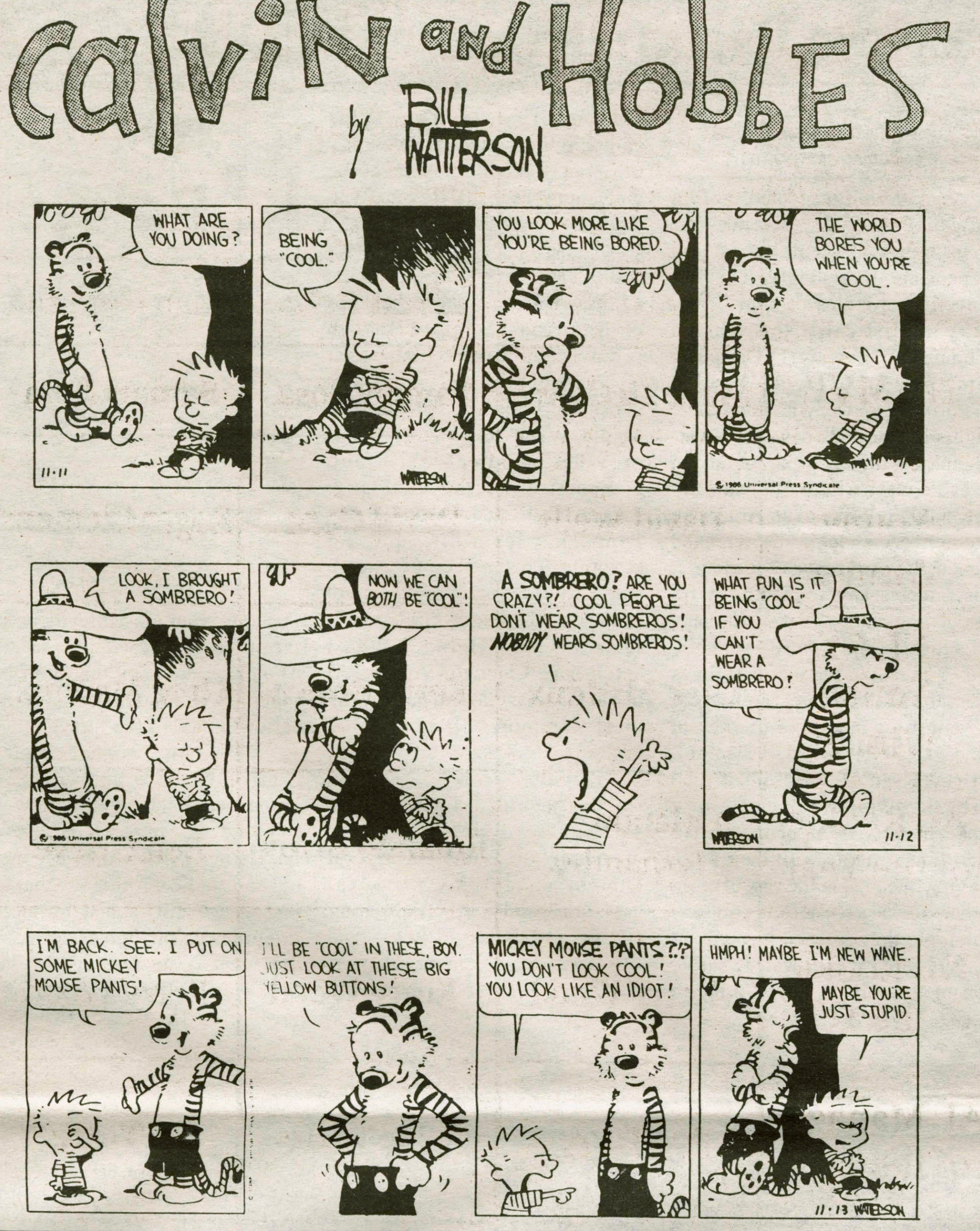
The Big Lebowski a.k.a "The Dude", is a laid-back, Kahula sippin' hippy, played by a long haired, scruffy Jeff Bridges. "The Dude" lives a simple life of sleeping, partying and most importantly, bowling. Well after two dumb thugs beat down Lebowski and urinate on his rug, the tides change.

A mistaken indentity and a kidnapping plot later, "the Dude" faces numerous fierce enemies such as German anarchists, one of them being Flea from the *Red Hot Chili Peppers*, and another "peppy" the sausage-eating ferret. Luckily the Lebowski's trusty bowling partners, played by John Goodman and Steve Buscemi, help him get into more trouble with the bowling league, feminist artists and fake millionares. About half the movie is Lebwoski's dreams which somehow effectively combine sex, bowling and Saddam Hussein.

The other half follows no certain path except for one constant; bowling. If nothing else, this movie will provide you with a new perspective on what I had previously thought to be the most boring sport in the world.

The Big Lebowski falls under no category, it stands alone because it somehow correlates every aspect of abnormality; in terms of behavior, characters and situations. *The Big Lebowski* is not a movie for everyone. I guess it relates to personal interests...some ever so present at this fine institution. If you were to ask me what day of the week to watch it on, I'd say Sunday.

Humorous and interesting, I recomend it to those unfortunate souls who haven't seen it.



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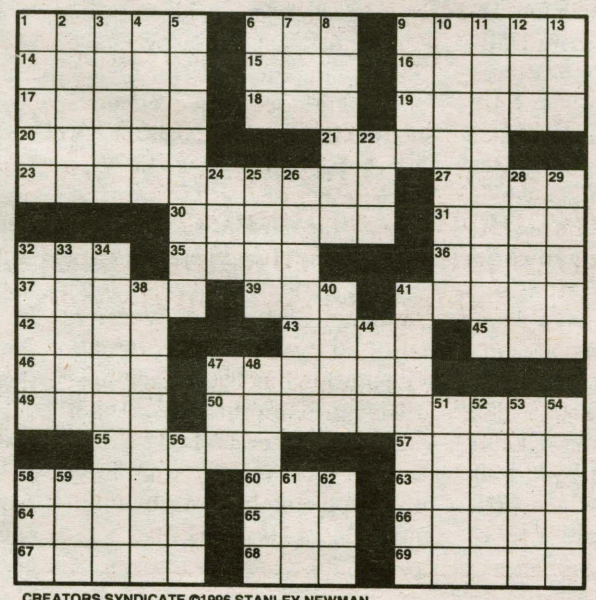
Campus Crossword

WYES GUYS by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Hard work, so to speak
6 Murray or West
9 Aristocratic
14 Poet's Muse
15 Sprite
16 Zodiac sign
17 Carved tree
18 NBA official
19 Missile housings
20 First-stringers
21 Barrymore or Merman
23 Absorbent material
27 AMEX rival
30 Chin whiskers
31 NEA member
32 Fall mo.
35 Part of BTU
36 Inter __
37 Ford or Close
39 Haul
41 Goes out of focus
42 Venice resort
43 Small shark
45 Busy insect
46 Finishes
47 Nile beetle
49 Scottish terrier
50 Melee
55 Uncouth one
57 "__ got me" ("I give up")
58 OCS grad
60 __ Mahal
63 Polish city
64 "__, I saw, . . ."
65 Lyric poem
66 Preface, for short
67 Concise
68 "It's __ the pale moon . . ."
69 Aeries

DOWN
1 Attack
2 Penned
3 Diner patron
4 "I did not think to shed __": Shak.
5 Gangster's weapon
6 *Mal de* __
7 Pale brew
8 Decadent
9 Poet Ogden
10 Eastern
11 Cudgel
12 Zodiac sign
13 Double curve
22 Common title starter
24 Against
25 Café au __
26 Footstool
28 English county
29 Wipe clean
32 Eyes
33 Toast sound
34 Cuddly toy
38 Pesty bugs
40 Give the alert
41 Hair holder
44 Actress Kendall
47 '60s campus org.
48 Weevil feed
51 TV honcho Arledge
52 Gives the boot
53 In the open
54 Bingo-like games
56 Suit to __
58 Ignited
59 Ade cooler
61 Tumult
62 Nozzle stream



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-Diann Lynch threatening an unruly EMT at a meeting

"It hurts from blowing so much."
-Kristen Daly '01

"It's Saturday night. I gotta go buy good sheets!"
-Response from an Anonymous Senior when asked why he was going to the mall

"I'd rather have my mind on drugs than in the gutter."
-Jim Grant '00

Personals

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- me

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Women's soccer underway

PHOTO BY SARAH BRAINARD '01

The team has a tough season ahead.

by L.D. Platt '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College women's soccer team looks to gain a positive direction this season under second year coach Sue Viscomi. After last year's 2-11 record they are really hungry to show they are better than that.

The women are led by junior co-captains Azure Davey and Courtney Zimmer. The Continental women start their season off on September 11 against Potsdam. The game begins at 4:30 and will be played at Potsdam. They SUNY-Potsdam women are 0-3.

The women will look to push for their first win in the season opener against the Bears of Potsdam. This team definitely looks a lot stronger than last year's team in that there seems to be more of an emotional togetherness.

The Lady Continentals also seem to have a strong nucleus of returning players and terrific first year contingency, with 13 new players.

The sophomores include two strong threats on offense to score Caitlin Wakefield '01 and Lauren Spoon '01 (last year's leading scorer). Forward Lauren Spoon said, " With half the team being freshmen (13) people would see it as a problem. In actuality, it is not. We have really come together well and the youth will help us out. This team has a chance to be a lot better. We will also look to score a lot more goals."

The women will be looking to be a lot more aggressive this season on the offensive side of the ball after losing all of their games by one goal. (And half of those losses came in the overtime, which was very frustrating.) "Everyone seems to be working together and we have a real tightness in the sense that we are like a family on the field," stated junior captain and starting goalkeeper Azure Davey '00.

The Continentals did lose an important player in sweeper Kerri Goldberg '98 but will have another star in sweeper Gwen Matuszek '01. "It will be very important for myself to vocalize and communicate with the defense and try to really help where ever I can," commented Davey.

Center half and captain Courtney Zimmer '00 said, "We look pretty good, a lot better than last year. I think it will be important as the center half to distribute the ball and almost be like a quarterback out there. I definitely have to stay focused and be a leader."

With leaders like Azure Davey and Courtney Zimmer and key contributions from some of the returning upperclassmen and first years this team has high expectations.

These expectations can definitely be lived up to and we look forward to exciting season of Hamilton College women's soccer.

MLB Awards Predictions

	Elliott Nix	Peter Ringel	Dave Bolger
AL MVP	Paul O'Neill	Albert Belle	Juan Gonzalez
NL MVP	Mark McGwire	Sammy Sosa	Sammy Sosa
AL CY Young Winner	David Wells	David Cone	Roger Clemens
NL CY Young Winner	Greg Maddux	Kevin Brown	Greg Maddux
AL Rookie of the Year	Orlando Hernandez	Rolando Arrojo	Ben Grieve
NL Rookie of the Year	Kerry Wood	Kerry Wood	Kerry Wood
AL Manager of the Year	Joe Torre	Joe Torre	Joe Torre
NL Manager of the Year	Bobby Cox	Larry Dierker	Bruce Bochey

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Sports

This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Football	Field Hockey	Men's Golf	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Rugby	Women's Tennis	Volleyball	X-Country
Fri. Sep 11		Skidmore 4 pm			Potsdam 4:30 pm		William Smith 4 pm		
Sat. Sep 12		R.P.I. 2 pm	Colgate-Cornell Inv. TBA	Middlebury 2 pm		Fredonia 1 pm	Nazareth noon	Alfred TBA	Hartwick/ Union 1 pm
Sun. Sep 13									
Mon. Sep 14									
Tues. Sep 15			Lemoyne Inv. TBA		Oswego 4 pm				
Wed. Sep 16		Union 4 pm		Union 4 pm			Union 4 pm	Hartwick 7 pm	
Thur. Sep 17									
Fri. Sep 18									

Indicates Home Game — Indicates Away Game

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our chillingly handsome Sports Editors, Elliott and Peter, (Maybe even Big Bad Bolger) as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator.*

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Elliot Nix *Spectator Sports Editor*	Peter Ringel *Spectator Sports Editor*	Dave Bolger *Associate Sports Editor*	Matt Hajd*uk* Senior *Guest #3*	Jeff Turcotte Senior *Guest #4*
	Last Week: 7-5 To date: 7-5	Last Week: 10-2 To date: 10-2	Last Week: 8-4 To date: 8-4	Last Week's Guest: Sarah Byrne 7-5	Last Week's Guest: Lauren Reynolds 7-5
NFL					
Buffalo at Miami 9/13	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins
Dallas at Denver 9/13	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Chicago at Pittsburgh 9/13	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Indianapolis at New England 9/13	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
San Francisco at Washington 9/14	Redskins	Niners	Niners	Redskins	Niners
Philadelphia at Atlanta 9/13	Falcons	Falcons	Eagles	Falcons	Eagles
MLB					
Toronto at NY Yankees 9/12	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees
Texas at Tampa Bay 9/12	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers
Anaheim at Baltimore 9/12	Angels	Orioles	Orioles	Orioles	Orioles
Seattle at Kansas City 9/12	Mariners	Royals	Mariners	Mariners	Royals
St. Louis at Houston 9/12	Astros	Astros	Cardinals	Cardinals	Astros
NY Mets at Montreal 9/12	Mets	Mets	Mets	Expos	Expos

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Football, the way it was meant to be

Dave Bolger

A View From The Bleachers

I've heard many say it. College football is better than the NFL. I've never agreed. Come on, the pros are the best players in the world. College football is minor league football. Boy was I wrong.

Last Saturday I experienced something unlike anything before – big time college football. Ohio State vs. West Virginia. Number one against number eleven. Played in West Virginia, the game was being dubbed the biggest game in West Virginia history. I knew it would be a fun thing to see, but I had no clue.

Upon arriving at Mountaineer Field, I stepped into a carnival. A stage was set up and a band was rocking away. Numerous radio stations were broadcasting live from the parking lot, and several thousand grills were fired up. Blue and yellow for as far as the eye could see.

Every fan had some sort of WVU apparel on (I was certainly out of place wearing a green shirt and a St. Louis Cardinals hat). And those that didn't had something painted on them. And each and every fan was yelling and chanting as if the game was in the fourth quarter and the score tied, yet it was only 6pm (game time was 8).

For a little over an hour, I mingled with the locals. Eating burgers and just about every other thing that can be grilled, I chatted with the diehards. They told me about Jeff Hostetler and his days as a Mountaineer. They told me about the team they had back in the eighties when Major Harris led the team to an 11-1 record.

They told me about Amos Zereoue and said he was better than Major Harris (I agreed). They spoke about these players as if they knew them personally. As if they had had them over to their house for dinner. I got the feeling they loved their team. I knew I was among real fans.

After stuffing myself on fine cuisine, I decided it was time to find my seat and enjoy the game. Little did I know the carnival was not over. For the twenty minutes prior to game time, all 70,000 fans were treated to the marching band, dancers, twirlers, and cheerleaders doing an incredible routine. All the while the crowd chanted, yelled, screamed and just went nuts. Then the teams took the field.

I didn't think the crowd could get any louder than it had been, but when the team stormed out of the locker room, the place erupted. I could feel the stadium shake. And what impressed me even more was how the team reacted. Each player pointed to the crowd to acknowledge us. I could tell that not only did the fans love their team, but the team loved the fans.

Now I return to the hill and wonder why things can't be like that here. Granted 70,000 people will never attended a Continental game, but why aren't football games a big deal here? I suspect that Hamilton students went to football games in high school. Why stop now? In a time when people write letter after letter to this publication complaining that there is no social life on campus, why not try a football game. At other schools a football game is THE social event.

Famous Amos

While we're talking about West Virginia, I can't pass up the chance to mention Amos Zereoue. The junior tailback from Hempstead, NY via the Ivory Coast is what a superstar should be. After a sophomore season in which he finished as one of the top rushers in the country, Famous Amos could have easily left school for the NFL and make the big bucks.

But he decided to stay in school and has said he is almost certain that he will be back next year for his senior year. This is something that is unheard of nowadays. And in a time when pro players are making big bucks for their autograph, after every game Amos doesn't go home until every last autograph is signed. He's that kind of guy. He knows that people take joy in watching him play football and that makes him want to do even better for his fans.

While a senior in high school (where he broke everyone of Jim Brown's Long Island rushing records) Amos won his second consecutive Thorpe Award as the best player in Nassau County.

Even back then, people were talking about the prospect of Zereoue going to the NFL, but during his acceptance speech, a speech I was lucky enough to be present for, Amos said something I will never forget. "People keep asking if I will remember them when I make it to the NFL," he said, "What I want to know is, will you remember me if I don't?"

That's why he WILL make it. He knows there's more to life than football. He wants to remembered as a great person, not a great football player. It's refreshing to know that there are still some athletes out there worth rooting for.

A Class Act

Final note on "The Chase." Mark McGwire is a true class act. There is no one in baseball that deserved to break the record more. The way he handled himself during the chase and after the homerun is remarkable.

He showed pure class when he went into the stands and embraced the Maris family and later, Sammy Sosa. Hats off to the new Home Run champ, and good luck to Sammy Sosa.

Men's soccer debuts this Saturday, September 12th

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Coverage of the debut game will appear in the next issue of the *Spectator*.

Women's x-country prepares for big meet

Top runners remain on hill

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

When asked what she thought this season would be like, tri-captain Tara Woolford '99 replied, "After a rebuilding year last year, the women's cross-country team is looking to improve on a 6th place finish at States and a 9th place finish at Regionals."

"Practices have been going well. Tri-captains Kate McAuliffe, Katie Wasilenko, and myself hope that this will be one of the best seasons for the team. We're a relatively young team, but we have the talent necessary for success."

The tri-captains, along with Emily Hill '01 and Elizabeth Guancil '01, are currently the top five runners, but will be challenged by six incoming freshmen and two new sophomore runners.

They will try to replace Leslie Vars '00, who is in Italy for the semester, Stacy Tyksinski '99, and Kate Dalke '99.

According to Hill, "They will add needed depth to the team with only five returning runners. All the freshmen are doing really well and if everyone sticks with it we should have a really good season. Things look promising as we prepare for our first race of the season against instate rival Union."

Although the team focuses on the bigger meets in November, the early meets are important because of the useful racing experiences they offer. The team is looking for a strong start this season at home against Union College on Saturday, September 12, at 11am on the golf course.

The course has suffered due to heavy rains and the first wave of La Niña. Tough course conditions and unpredictable weather patterns should increase the drama involved in the x-country meet. This is the only home meet for which students will be on campus, so cross-country fans should be there.

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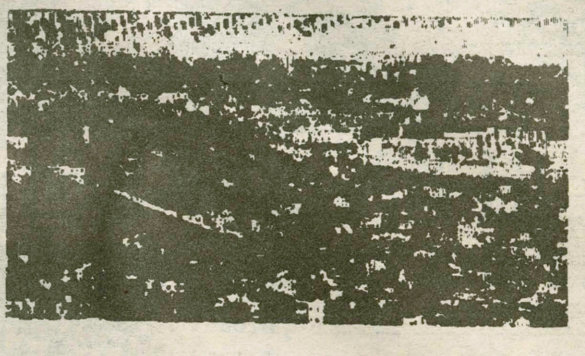

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Cross-Country gears up for Union

PHOTO BY HEATHER ONDERICK '01

The men's x-country team is struggling to find leadership for this coming season.

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The men's cross-country team is looking forward to the beginning of a potentially successful season after last season, which senior co-captain Phil Jennings described simply as "frustrating."

The team should start the season well with its meet against Union, which is this Saturday at 11am on the golf course. The Continentals handedly beat Union last year, 18-44.

Jennings went on to say, "I'm excited about the eight upperclassmen, who are all coming off of strong track seasons, and the six freshmen, who have displayed plenty of potential." The strong core of experienced runners will be an advantage in this mentally challenging sport.

The team should start the season well with its meet against Union, which is this Saturday at 11am on the golf course.

At this point there is not a definite #1 runner to replace Jeremy Sokolnicki '98, who graduated; there are several runners who are all very close at the top. Although the focus is on the larger meets in November, the early races are crucial nevertheless because they are good racing experiences.

The team, particularly sophomore Steve Guditis, is starting the season after an intense summer of training, and is looking to benefit from hard work and dedication. Jennings added that the team has had the good fortune of avoiding any serious injuries.

Men's tennis prepares for tough spring season

by Courtney Dane '99
SPORTS WRITER

Men's tennis is off to a great start! With the return of All Conference players Ben Pinchin '99 and Eric Teruel '01, as well as various upperclassmen to the team John Plum '98, John Belniack '99, Justin Lew '99, Steve Micels '99, and Jason Zwerner '00, it should be a successful 1998-1999 season.

Fall being the off season for men's tennis, only two tournaments have been scheduled so far.

However, when spring comes around the team will have their work cut out for them. Three major tournaments and over eight matches have been planned for the spring season.

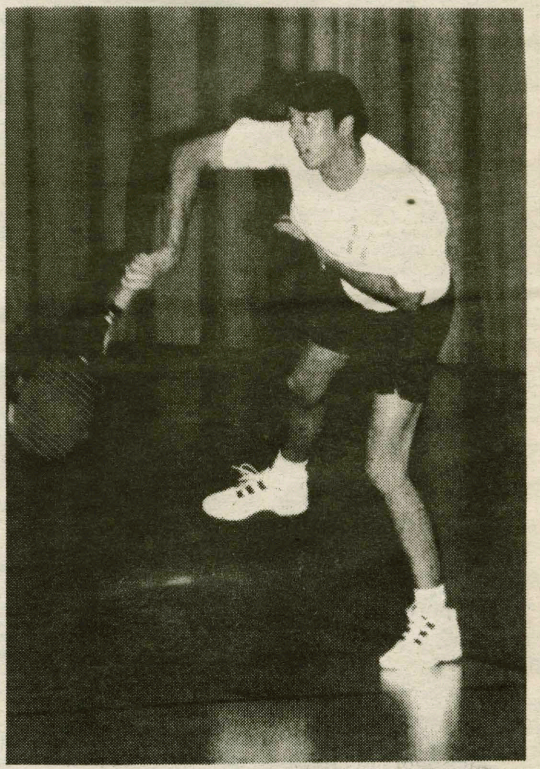

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Damon Lopez O'Dwyer '98 swung with fervor for last season's team.

The competition will be tough with the men playing teams such as Ithaca, St. Lawrence, Nazareth and Union, so they should practice hard this fall.

This week, coach Bill Austin is holding try-outs.Quite a few new faces have shown up to take part in the battle for spots on the men's tennis team.

Yet it may be tough competition with all the returning players being rather aggressive and extremely intense on the court. The Continentals hope to harness this intensity and use it to smash the opposition. The coaching staff has also made some adjustments in hopes of creating a stronger team than last year. With a new strategy and fresh outlook, the men's tennis team will improve on last season's record.

Also, with La Niña on the way, the team will go into hibernation in the Bundy Scott fieldhouse. So come out and cheer on your friends, it should be an exciting week!

Field hockey adjusts to new leadership

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS WRITER

This year's field hockey team is not only armed with a group of hard working players, it has the leadership of a new coach, Karen Hollands.

Hollands played at Ithaca College and later became the assistant coach at Hartwick, a team Hamilton will play later in the season. The Continentals are looking to improve on the less than satisfactory previous record of 2-11.

In order to accomplish their goal, Hollands has not only changed the teams strategy, she has given them new goals and a new philosophy. "I expect everyone to play at or above their potential at all times; in practice and during games."

She credits the team for being extremely hard working and dedicated, and was impressed with how easily they adapted to the many changes they were faced with. Not only were they asked to adapt to a new coaching style, they were asked to learn new formations and a new offence. They are already reeping the benefits of this new style of play; in a scrimage against Herkimer they won 2-1.

The team consists mostly of sophomores and juniors, with a core group of talented freshman. They are lead by two senior captians, Cassey Giaotti '99 and Allison Warner '99.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Coach Hollands will surely improve this talented squad of women.

The Continentals play in both the UCAC and NESCAC leagues, but most of their schedule is filled with outside teams.

Coach Hollands believes that their toughest competitors will be Skidmore, William Smith and Hartwick, one of the best teams in the nation. Despite the challenging schedule, Coach Hollands is very excited about the possibilities of this year and the upcoming years. With such a young team, Hollands is very optimistic about the future of the Hamilton's field hockey team. There is little doubt that Hollands' program will have a positive effect.

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Men's Soccer
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X-Country
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